

INTERIM RESOLUTION 2011-005

REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONTACT THE UNITED STATES POSTMASTER GENERAL TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U. S. POSTAL SERVICE TO APPEAR AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CLOSURES OF LOCAL OFFICES OF THE U. S. POSTAL SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has given notice of many proposed closures of post offices within the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, many of the proposed closures of post offices are in rural areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, the post offices in small rural communities serve as important and sometimes exclusive points of contact and communication for many citizens in those communities; and

WHEREAS, many members of the Arkansas General Assembly have expressed their concern as to whether the people of these small rural communities have had an adequate opportunity to voice their opinions about the proposed closures and whether the potential impacts of these closures have been fully considered by the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the people of the State of Arkansas for the United States Postal Service to meet with local and state officials to discuss potential impacts from the proposed closures of post offices in the State,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council shall contact the United States Postmaster General to respectfully request the presence of a representative

1 of the United States Postal Service to appear at a special meeting of the  
2 Legislative Council in order to meet with members of the Arkansas General  
3 Assembly to discuss the proposed closures of local post offices within the  
4 State of Arkansas and the potential impacts of those closures on communities  
5 in the State.

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