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5 By: Senators Altes, Brown, Bryles, Gullett, Horn, Miller, T. Smith, Trusty, Whitaker, Wilkins,  
6 Wilkinson  
7 By: Representatives Medley, Berry, Blair, Green, Key, Lamoureux, Penix, Verkamp, Walters

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

11 URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTMASTER GENERAL TO  
12 KEEP THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE MAIL  
13 PROCESSING CENTER THAT IS IN FORT SMITH,  
14 ARKANSAS.

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#### Subtitle

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18 GENERAL TO KEEP THE UNITED STATES POSTAL  
19 SERVICE MAIL PROCESSING CENTER THAT IS  
20 IN FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

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23 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is considering relocating its  
24 mail processing center from Fort Smith, Arkansas to Fayetteville, Arkansas;  
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27 WHEREAS, Fort Smith is a city of historical significance because it was  
28 first established as a military outpost in 1812; and

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30 WHEREAS, Fort Smith is the second most populated city in Arkansas; and

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32 WHEREAS, Fort Smith has developed into a commercial hub for interstate  
33 commerce, is located on the Arkansas River within a few miles of the  
34 intersection of Interstates 40 and 540, has a very active regional port, and  
35 has an airport offering daily business and personal flights via the third  
36 longest airport runway in Arkansas; and



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2 WHEREAS, the timely delivery of mail is essential for business  
3 operations and for resident communications in Fort Smith; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the relocation of the mail processing center may result in the  
6 loss of mail processing jobs in Fort Smith,  
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8 NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
10 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL  
11 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:  
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13 That the United States Postmaster General John E. Potter is urged to  
14 keep the United States Postal Service mail processing center that is  
15 currently located in Fort Smith, Arkansas.  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Postmaster General John  
18 E. Potter is requested to send notice of the decision regarding the  
19 relocation of the mail processing center in Fort Smith, Arkansas to:  
20 President George W. Bush, members of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation,  
21 the President Pro Tempore of the Arkansas Senate, and members of the Arkansas  
22 Senate.  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this resolution by the  
25 Senate, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit copies to President George  
26 W. Bush, and members of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.  
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