



Republican National Committee

Counsel's Office

Resolution Honoring Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

WHEREAS, The United States lost one of its greatest legal minds when Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court from 1986 to 2016, passed away on February 13, 2016;

WHEREAS, Antonin Scalia was a dedicated servant of the American people, serving not only as a Supreme Court Justice, but also as an attorney in the federal government and as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit;

WHEREAS, Justice Scalia singlehandedly gave intellectual force to Textualism and Originalism in the Supreme Court's jurisprudence, standing against "living constitutionalism" and judicial activism;

WHEREAS, Justice Scalia's masterful majority opinion in *District of Columbia v. Heller* upheld American citizens' fundamental right to bear arms;

WHEREAS, Justice Scalia's forceful dissents in *NFIB v. Sebelius* and *King v. Burwell* demonstrated with pinpoint accuracy the precise unconstitutionality of Obamacare;

WHEREAS, Justice Scalia had a lasting impact on the Court by encouraging fealty to the Constitution's original meaning, and opposing judicial legislating through an "evolving" Constitution;

WHEREAS, Justice Scalia's devotion to the text of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights carried out the work of the Founding Fathers of our country; and

WHEREAS, Justice Scalia was a loving husband and father, a loyal and faithful friend, a great mentor and teacher to so many in the legal community, and a devout servant of God; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee (RNC) hereby extends its most solemn condolences for the loss of Justice Scalia to his wife Maureen and to their nine children;

RESOLVED, The RNC recognizes the immense and lasting impact of Justice Scalia's presence on the Supreme Court of the United States; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, The RNC honors the memory of Antonin Scalia, his forceful intellect, his rapier wit, his transformative jurisprudence, and above all, his dedication to preserving and defending the Constitution of the United States of America.

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