

House Resolution 1612

By: Representatives Teasley of the 37th, Fleming of the 121st, Werkheiser of the 157th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Reeves of the 34th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging Senator Johnny Isakson and Senator David Perdue to support efforts in the
2 United States Senate to oppose the confirmation of any nominee to replace the late United
3 States Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia who does not share the late justice's
4 judicial philosophy; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, on February 13, 2016, this country lost one of its finest legal scholars with the
6 death of United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia; and

7 WHEREAS, for almost 30 years, Justice Scalia was a leading voice for a strict construction
8 on the United States Supreme Court espousing a judicial philosophy rooted in textualism in
9 statutory interpretation and originalism in constitutional interpretation; and

10 WHEREAS, his contributions to American jurisprudence have been enormous and wide
11 reaching; and

12 WHEREAS, in order to maintain a balance on the Supreme Court, the successor to Justice
13 Scalia should be someone with similar views and philosophy; and

14 WHEREAS, in an interview in the recent past, Justice Scalia expressed the desire that his
15 successor be someone with similar views; and

16 WHEREAS, both Senator Johnny Isakson and Senator David Perdue have expressed the
17 view that any nomination of a successor to Justice Scalia should wait until a new President
18 is sworn in next year; and

19 WHEREAS, such a delay would remove the nomination from election year politics and
20 would be in keeping with the position advocated by both political parties over the years; and

21 WHEREAS, regardless of when a successor is nominated, such successor should be a person
22 whose judicial views and philosophy are in harmony with those of Justice Scalia.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body join in encouraging Senator Johnny Isakson and Senator David
25 Perdue to refuse to support, and to actively oppose, the appointment of any successor to the
26 late Justice Antonin Scalia who does not share Justice Scalia's philosophy of textualism in
27 statutory interpretation and originalism in constitutional interpretation.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to deliver an appropriate copy of this resolution to Senator Isakson and Senator
30 Perdue.