

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HR 1612:

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, both Senator Johnny Isakson and Senator David Perdue have expressed the
15 view that any nomination of a successor to Justice Scalia should be a jurist who shares
16 Justice Scalia's views and philosophy; and

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body join in encouraging Senator Johnny Isakson and Senator David
21 Perdue to support the appointment of only a successor to the late Justice Antonin Scalia who

22 shares Justice Scalia's philosophy of textualism in statutory interpretation and originalism in
23 constitutional interpretation.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to deliver appropriate copies of this resolution to Senator Isakson and to Senator
26 Perdue.