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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ANTONIN
GREGORY SCALIA**

Introduced By: Representatives Giarrusso, DeSimone, Mattiello, Lancia, and Corvese

Date Introduced: February 23, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness and regret that this House of Representatives has
2 learned of the passing of the Honorable Antonin Gregory Scalia, an extraordinary individual and
3 jurist, a conservative icon who transformed the bench, and the longest-serving Justice on the
4 United States Supreme Court; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Trenton, New Jersey, on March 11, 1936, Antonin Scalia was the
6 only child of Salvatore Eugene Scalia and Catherine Louise Scalia. He was the beloved husband
7 for over fifty-five years to Maureen McCarthy, a devout Catholic, and the father of nine children,
8 Ann Forrest, Eugene, John Francis, Catherine Elisabeth, Mary Clare, Paul David, Matthew,
9 Christopher James, and Margaret Jane; and

10 WHEREAS, Justice Scalia attended the University of Fribourg, Switzerland and earned a
11 joint degree with Georgetown University, A.B. where he was Valedictorian and graduated summa
12 cum laude. He received his Bachelor of Laws from Harvard Law School, and a Sheldon
13 Fellowship from Harvard University; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1961, Justice Scalia became an Associate at Jones, Day, Cockley &
15 Reavis in Cleveland, Ohio, and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1962. From 1967-1974, he was a
16 Professor at the University of Virginia School of Law, and was admitted to the Virginia Bar in
17 1970. From 1971-1972, he served as General Counsel, Office of Telecommunications Policy,
18 Executive Office of President, and from 1972-1974, he was the Chairman of the Administrative
19 Conference of the United States, Washington. In 1974, he became the Assistant U.S. Attorney

1 General for the Office of Legal Counsel, and in 1977, he returned to academia as a visiting
2 scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, and subsequently served as a visiting professor at
3 Georgetown Law Center, a Law professor at the University of Chicago, and a visiting professor at
4 Stanford Law School; and

5 WHEREAS, Nominated by President Ronald Reagan, Justice Scalia was sworn in as a
6 member of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on August 17,
7 1982, and on September 26, 1986, he became the first Italian-American Supreme Court Associate
8 Justice, when he filled the seat left by William Rehnquist, who became Chief Justice; and

9 WHEREAS, Widely considered a conservative, Justice Scalia consistently voted in favor
10 of free speech. He was a strong opponent of abortion and affirmative action and was a strong
11 advocate of federalism and separation of powers. He believed "that judges should follow the
12 precise words of the Constitution and not apply a modern interpretation" and is perhaps best
13 known for his landmark decision protecting the right of an individual to possess a firearm at
14 home; and

15 WHEREAS, Justice Scalia was widely-admired and "treasured" by his fellow Justices.
16 He left an indelible mark on the courts and our nation, and he will be profoundly missed; now,
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of the Honorable
20 Antonin Gregory Scalia; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Maureen McCarthy Scalia and Family.

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