

Senators Hune, Emmons and Robertson offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 31.**

A resolution to urge the United States Senate to confirm Judge Neil M. Gorsuch to the Supreme Court of the United States, and to urge Michigan's senators to forgo any effort to filibuster a vote on Judge Gorsuch's nomination.

Whereas, The passing of Antonin Scalia on February 13, 2016, created a vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States which has lasted for more than a year. Justice Scalia's passing was a significant loss for the Court, as he was one of the most influential justices of the last quarter century; and

Whereas, Justice Scalia's death has not only left a great void on the Court, but has also resulted in a number of 4-4 decisions which create uncertainty on legal issues of the utmost importance to the citizens of the United States; and

Whereas, President Trump pledged during his campaign to nominate judges to the Court who would follow the model of Justice Scalia, bringing a commitment to statutory text and the original meaning of the United States Constitution. The President followed through on his campaign pledge by nominating Judge Neil M. Gorsuch of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit to fill the vacancy on the Court left by Justice Scalia's passing; and

Whereas, Judge Gorsuch is an exceptionally qualified and experienced jurist, making him the epitome of a mainstream judge whose nomination to the Court should be easily confirmed by the U.S. Senate. In fact, he was previously confirmed by the U.S. Senate to the Court of Appeals without opposition and is exactly the type of well-respected legal mind the American people want on the Court; and

Whereas, Judge Gorsuch developed a distinguished judicial reputation during more than a decade of service on the Court of Appeals. He has a strong record of adhering to the United States Constitution and decides cases based on the law rather than personal policy preference. Additionally, Judge Gorsuch has an incredible academic résumé, having graduated from Columbia University with honors and Harvard Law School *cum laude*. He also served as a law clerk for Supreme Court Justices Byron White and Anthony Kennedy; and

Whereas, The U.S. Senate should move swiftly to confirm Judge Gorsuch as the next Supreme Court Justice and return the court to its full membership. Any attempt by a member of the U.S. Senate to derail Judge Gorsuch's nomination for political purposes would not serve the interest of the people of Michigan or the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Senate to confirm Judge Neil M. Gorsuch to the Supreme Court of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge Michigan's senators, Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, to forgo any effort to filibuster a vote on Judge Gorsuch's nomination; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate and the offices of Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters.