

Senate Resolution 1144

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jackson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the United States Senate to delay action on a new Associate Justice of the
2 United States Supreme Court until after the 2016 presidential election; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Justice Antonin Scalia will go down in history as one of the most influential
5 jurists in generations; his legal mind was sharp and his legal opinions and commentaries were
6 accessible to non-jurists; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a champion of the originalist interpretation of the Constitution and
8 greatly helped to propel it forward in the legal community; and

9 WHEREAS, the country is in the midst of serious political division and a contentious
10 presidential election; and

11 WHEREAS, this being the case, it would be wise and prudent for the United States Senate
12 to wait until the presidential election is decided to confirm a new Supreme Court Associate
13 Justice; by waiting for the next president to be elected, a better and more complete picture
14 will emerge of the direction in which the people want the country to move forward.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 encourage the United States Senate to delay action on a new Associate Justice of the United
17 States Supreme Court until after the 2016 presidential election.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
20 press.