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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 113

February 16, 2016 – Introduced by Representatives Craig, August, Gannon, Kuglitsch, Hutton, Czaja, Spiros, Schraa, Kleefisch, Vorpagel, J. Ott, Heaton, Murphy, Duchow, Krug, Petryk, Thiesfeldt, Brandtjen, Bernier, Kremer, Kitchens, Nygren, Knudson, Katsma, Kulp, Allen, Horlacher, Kooyenga, R. Brooks, Jarchow, Vos, Tranel, T. Larson, Jacque and Tittl, cosponsored by Senators Stroebel, Vukmir, Kapenga, Gudex, Nass, Marklein, Lasee, Lemahieu, Moulton, Darling, Wanggaard, Roth, Harsdorf and Olsen. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: commending the ardent and remarkable service of Justice Antonin

2	Scalia.
3	Whereas, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was born March 11, 1936, in
4	Trenton, New Jersey, and passed on February 13, 2016; and
5	Whereas, Justice Antonin Scalia graduated valedictorian of his Georgetown
6	University class before attending Harvard Law School and eventually teaching law;
7	and
8	Whereas, Scalia and his wife of over fifty years, Maureen, raised nine children
9	in a devout Catholic household; and
10	Whereas, Scalia previously served his country in both the Nixon and Ford
11	administrations and as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District
12	of Columbia Circuit; and
13	Whereas, Scalia, a defender of the United States Constitution, became the first
14	Italian-American to be confirmed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, with
15	a 98-0 vote; and

Whereas, Justice Scalia championed the now-widespread judicial philosophy of "originalism," wherein the meaning of a constitutional provision is set at the moment of ratification by the people; Justice Scalia educated and persuaded a generation of legal thinkers on originalism; and

Whereas, Justice Scalia forever impacted the law of the United States of America by eloquently explaining his philosophy in countless judicial opinions, including his majority opinions in *D.C. v. Heller* and *Printz v. United States* as well as his dissenting opinions in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, *Atkins v. Virginia*, *Obergefell v. Hodges*, and *King v. Burwell*; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the ardent and remarkable service Justice Antonin Scalia gave to our country through his fundamental belief in the rule of law and for preserving the lasting consistency of our Constitution.

14 (END)