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CLS MOURNS THE PASSING OF "FEARLESS VOICE" JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA

"Justice Scalia was faithful to his oath to uphold the Constitution as it is written, not as he might wish it was written," explained Christian Legal Society's Center for Law and Religious Freedom director Kim Colby. "For that faithfulness, he was castigated by those who would have the Supreme Court re-write the Constitution with an eye to popular polls or media mood. For that faithfulness, America owes him a debt of gratitude and honor at the passing of a great Justice."

Christian Legal Society mourns the passing of Justice Antonin Scalia, who was a friend of the Society throughout his twenty-nine years on the Supreme Court. His fearless voice and unequaled intellect produced masterful opinions -- whether in the majority or dissent -- that will remain the standard by which other judicial reasoning and writing will be measured.

Justice Scalia's judicial legacy will be as the stalwart defender of the most vulnerable human beings – the unborn and the dying. With the exception of *Employment Division v. Smith*, the Christian Legal Society welcomed his many contributions to all Americans' religious liberty. His recent powerful defense of the Constitution's separation of powers as fundamental to the preservation of individual liberty could not be more timely.