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Senator Skindell

**Cosponsors: Senators Schiavoni, Tavares, Thomas, Cafaro, Yuko, Brown,
Williams, Gentile, Sawyer**

A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the United States Senate to hold any and all 1
necessary hearings, to perform the Senate's 2
constitutional duty, and, after appropriate 3
consideration, to hold a vote to confirm or deny the 4
nomination of the Honorable Merrick Garland to the 5
Supreme Court of the United States. 6

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution, Article II, 7
Section 2, grants the sole power to the President of the United 8
States to appoint Justices to the Supreme Court of the United 9
States, with the advice and consent of the United States Senate; 10
and 11

WHEREAS, A vacancy in the Supreme Court of the United 12
States was caused by the death of the Honorable Antonin Scalia, 13
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; and 14

WHEREAS, The Honorable Barack H. Obama currently serves as 15
the President of the United States, and will continue to do so 16
until noon on January 20, 2017, in accordance with the Twentieth 17
Amendment to the United States Constitution; and 18

WHEREAS, The Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, nominated the Honorable Merrick Garland, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, to the Supreme Court of the United States on March 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Merrick Garland has already been approved by the United States Senate as a federal judge on March 19, 1997; and

WHEREAS, All members of the United States Senate have a sworn duty to support and defend the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution includes the duty to provide advice, and if they deem appropriate, consent on all Presidential nominees to the Supreme Court of the United States; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio, hereby urge the United States Senate to hold any and all necessary hearings to provide for the constitutionally required advice and consent to the nomination of the Honorable Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court of the United States in a timely, expedient, and thorough manner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio, hereby urge the United States Senate to perform the Senate's constitutional duty and, after appropriate consideration, hold a vote to confirm or deny the nomination of the Honorable Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court of the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President and President Pro Tempore of the

United States Senate, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the	50
United States Senate, all members of the United States Senate	51
Committee on the Judiciary, Ohio's delegation to the United	52
States Senate, and the news media of Ohio.	53