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SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

## A RESOLUTION

1 Extending condolences and honoring the life contributions of  
2 Richard Mellon Scaife, political activist, philanthropist and  
3 owner and publisher of all of the Trib Total Media  
4 Publications, who lost his life to cancer on July 4, 2014.

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Mellon Scaife, political activist,  
6 philanthropist and the owner and publisher of all of the Trib  
7 Total Media Publications, passed away July 4, 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Scaife was born July 3, 1932, at Magee-Women's  
9 Hospital in Oakland, the second child of industrialist Alan  
10 Scaife and Sarah Mellon Scaife, and heir to the Mellon banking  
11 and industrial fortune; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Scaife graduated from Deerfield Academy in  
13 Massachusetts, attended Yale University, his father's alma  
14 mater, and graduated in 1957 from the University of Pittsburgh  
15 with a degree in British history; and

16 WHEREAS, After the deaths of his father in 1958 and his

1 mother in 1965, Mr. Scaife immersed himself in the family's  
2 business interests and took on a greater philanthropic role; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Scaife provided financial support to  
4 conservative groups that included the Heritage Foundation, the  
5 Cato Institute, the American Enterprise Institute and The Hoover  
6 Institution on War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford University;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In the 1990s, Mr. Scaife spurred the creation of the  
9 Allegheny Institute for Public Policy, which became a  
10 conservative voice on western Pennsylvania issues; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Scaife supported many nonpolitical causes, among  
12 other contributions, and his foundations funded an early  
13 expansion of the Pittsburgh Aviary, developed the Sarah Scaife  
14 Gallery at the Carnegie and the Westmoreland Museum of American  
15 Art in Greensburg, redeveloped Station Square and the  
16 Pennsylvania Trolley Museum in Washington, Pennsylvania, and  
17 provided more than \$1.4 million for the Boys & Girls Clubs of  
18 Western Pennsylvania; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Scaife also supported a variety of educational  
20 institutions, such as the University of Chicago, Tufts  
21 University, Carnegie Mellon University, Boston University, the  
22 University of Pittsburgh, Pepperdine University, Bowling Green  
23 State University and his prep school alma mater, Deerfield  
24 Academy; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Scaife made his mark in western Pennsylvania as  
26 a publisher, and in 1970 he purchased a small-market newspaper,  
27 then known as the Tribune-Review, based in Greensburg; and

28 WHEREAS, In 1992, Mr. Scaife expanded the operations of the  
29 newspaper into Pittsburgh, renaming it the Pittsburgh Tribune-  
30 Review; and

1 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review became the centerpiece  
2 of Trib Total Media, now the City of Pittsburgh's largest source  
3 of news and information in western Pennsylvania; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Scaife devoted his professional life to  
5 producing a quality, award-winning daily newspaper; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Scaife's belief that newspapers are essential to  
7 America and to any free and prospering nation was demonstrated  
8 by his commitment to delivering international, national and  
9 regional news seven days a week; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Scaife announced in May 2014 that he had been  
11 diagnosed with an untreatable form of cancer, and he passed away  
12 at his home July 4, 2014; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Scaife is survived by two children, daughter  
14 Jennie King Scaife of Palm Beach, Florida, and son David Negley  
15 Scaife of Squirrel Hill, daughter-in-law Sara Scaife and two  
16 grandchildren, David and Sara; and

17 WHEREAS, The arts, historic preservation, universities,  
18 political groups and community programs both large and small  
19 throughout western Pennsylvania and nationally have benefited  
20 from Mr. Scaife's generosity, and his impact on this  
21 Commonwealth and our nation will be remembered for generations;  
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend  
24 condolences and honor the life and contributions of Richard  
25 Mellon Scaife, political activist, philanthropist and owner and  
26 publisher of all of the Trib Total Media Publications, who lost  
27 his life to cancer on July 4, 2014.