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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
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.