

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address February 26, 2016  
“Remembering a Great American”

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Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

As you all know, our nation lost a strong voice on the U.S. Supreme Court bench only a few weeks ago.

Nominated by former President Ronald Reagan, Justice Antonin Scalia will always be an invaluable member of the Supreme Court and his legacy will continue to live on in his legal writings and opinions.

The late Justice’s 30 years of service were integral in advancing commonsense policy that helped shape our country and of course help the conservative cause.

I will always be eternally grateful for Justice Scalia’s respect and deference for the constitutional authority of the legislative branch.

I was fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to attend Justice Scalia’s funeral service at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

During the ceremony, Justice Scalia’s son, Reverend Paul Scalia, delivered a powerful, yet tender tribute to his father.

Rev. Scalia touched on his father’s deep love for his country and his understanding that the deeper he went in his Catholic faith, the better a citizen and the better public servant he became.

To quote Rev. Scalia’s eulogy—Justice Scalia saw in the founding of our nation, “as did the founders themselves, a blessing, a blessing quickly lost when faith is banned from the public square, or when we refuse to

bring it there. So he understood that there is no conflict between loving God and loving one's country, between one's faith and one's public service. God blessed him with the desire to be the country's good servant because he was God's first."

The legacy of this great American has left a lasting footprint on our judicial system and nation that will be revered for generations to come.

As always, I appreciate your comments and questions on this issue.

May God bless you and your family, may God bless the Scalia family and as the song says, God bless you, Texas.