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## **RNLA Honors Justice Kennedy on His Retirement**

Washington, DC — The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) honors Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, who announced his retirement from the Supreme Court today. In his over 30 years on the Court, he has written some of the most seminal opinions in modern jurisprudence, and he will be remembered as one of the most important Supreme Court justices in American history.

Justice Kennedy's retirement leaves an important vacancy on the Supreme Court, and President Donald Trump will now have the opportunity to nominate a new Supreme Court justice from his superb list of potential Supreme Court nominees who respect the text of the Constitution and the role of the Court. While Senate Democrats have obstructed and delayed President Trump's judicial nominees whenever possible, we trust that President Trump's nominee will be vetted and confirmed due to the strong leadership of Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

RNLA President Elliot Berke stated: "Since he was appointed by President Reagan in his second term, Justice Kennedy has been an important voice on the Court. We wish him nothing but the best in retirement. President Trump has mentioned many excellent candidates to replace Justice Kennedy, and we urge the Senate to not play politics but consider his nominee in as expedient a manner as possible."

RNLA Chair John Ryder agreed: "Justice Kennedy has been a champion of First Amendment rights from political speech to the free exercise of religion. His voice and views have made a great contribution to our understanding of the Constitution.

"Under that same Constitution, it now falls to President Trump to nominate a new associate justice. I hope the nominee is someone who respects the text and meaning of the Constitution. The list of potential nominees President Trump released during his campaign includes men and women who hold just such respect for the text and meaning of the law. Justice Gorsuch is a good example of such a nominee.

"Once nominated, I would hope that the Senate would fulfill its Constitutional role and confirm the nominee promptly."

The RNLA has a panel of legal experts available to discuss the retirement and the process for replacing Justice Kennedy. Find more information at <http://www.rnla.org/scotus.asp>.

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