

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Relating to the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the
Supreme Court of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Relating to the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate
Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg, born Joan Ruth Bader, the
late Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the
United States, was born in Brooklyn, New York, to Na-
than Bader and Celia Amster Bader;

Whereas Ruth Bader graduated from Cornell University,
where she earned a bachelor's degree in government;

Whereas Ruth Bader married Martin Ginsburg, with whom
she raised 2 children, Jane and James;

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg enrolled at Harvard Law
School and transferred to Columbia Law School, serving
on both the Harvard Law Review and Columbia Law Re-

view, and graduated from Columbia Law School, tied for first in her class;

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg immediately faced sexist hurdles as she built her career, yet served as a judicial clerk for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, then as an academic specializing in international legal procedure, and then as a professor at Rutgers Law School and Columbia Law School, where she became the first female professor to earn tenure from Columbia Law School;

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg co-founded the Women's Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union and served as the organization's General Counsel;

Whereas President Jimmy Carter nominated, and the Senate confirmed, Ruth Bader Ginsburg to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, where she served 13 years;

Whereas President Bill Clinton nominated, and the Senate confirmed, Ruth Bader Ginsburg to serve as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, where she served 27 years;

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a generational legal expert, acclaimed writer, and incisive jurist whose contributions have left a significant impact on American jurisprudence;

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a pioneering leader for women who by word, deed, and example helped bring about the increased integration and acceptance of women into the legal field, academia, and American professional life in general;

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg brought to her entire legal career, including her jurisprudence, a focus on reducing discrimination, particularly against women;

Whereas the jurisprudence of Ruth Bader Ginsburg blended moral purpose with notable precision and technical mastery of the law;

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg set an example for all Americans by showing that possessing strong views and deep commitments need be no obstacle to collegiality or even deep friendship with others who subscribe to very different philosophies;

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg bravely persevered through significant health challenges while continuing to serve with excellence in her intense position of public service;

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg was universally admired by each Justice with whom she served, notwithstanding any differences between her views and theirs, for her legal acumen, judicial temperament, thorough preparation, exacting standards, and deep love of the law;

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg will be counted among the most notable and influential Justices to have served on the Supreme Court of the United States;

Whereas Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away on September 18, 2020;

Whereas, in her final days, Ruth Bader Ginsburg dictated the following statement to her granddaughter Clara Spera: “My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed.”; and

Whereas the Nation is deeply indebted to Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a truly distinguished American: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) extends heartfelt condolences to the family
3 and friends of Ruth Bader Ginsburg;

4 (2) acknowledges the lifetime of service of Ruth
5 Bader Ginsburg to the United States as a trail-
6 blazing attorney, acclaimed scholar, brilliant jurist,
7 and 1 of the most notable and influential Justices
8 ever to serve on the Supreme Court of the United
9 States;

10 (3) commends Ruth Bader Ginsburg for her 27-
11 year tenure on the Supreme Court of the United
12 States; and

13 (4) should honor Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dying
14 wish that she should not be replaced until a new
15 president is installed.