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**Attorney General Steve Marshall Praises Senate Confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett
as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court**

(MONTGOMERY) – Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall praised the U.S. Senate’s confirmation late Monday of Amy Coney Barrett as associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

“Tonight, America’s highest court has gained another justice committed to faithfully interpreting and applying the law as it was written – to safeguarding, not rewriting, the crown jewel of our republic, the Constitution of the United States.

“It is fitting that Judge Barrett, a former clerk and protégé of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, will be the jurist who fulfills Justice Scalia’s mission: to return to the Supreme Court judicial fidelity to the law.

“This is a truly historic day for our country’s legal system – and, more importantly, for our country itself. At long last, the decades-long advance of judicial activism will soon be in retreat.

“I applaud President Trump for what he has been able to accomplish – in only his first term in office – by fulfilling his promise to fill judicial vacancies with judges committed to judging, not legislating from the bench. The President’s judicial nominations have changed the direction of not only our nation’s highest court, but of courts at all levels across the country, and brought about a renewed national focus on honoring the rule of law and the Constitution.

“Justice Scalia once concluded an opinion with this sobering statement: ‘Day by day, case by case, (the Supreme Court) is busy designing a Constitution for a country I do not recognize.’ How happy he would have been to know that, merely four years after he left us, his Court would have a majority of justices devoted to faithfully interpreting our Constitution, not inventing a new one.”

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