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Speaker of the House Andy Tobin, R-Prescott (Dist. 01)

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May 5, 2014 - Speaker Tobin Commends Supreme Court Decision on Legislative Prayer:

“Over the last eight years, it has been my great honor to begin each House floor session united with my colleagues in prayer. This is a practice which has united our country’s lawmakers dating back to The First Continental Congress.

“By taking their case to the Supreme Court, the Town of Greece, N.Y. has helped to uphold one of our nation’s longest standing traditions. The decision by the Supreme Court is faithful to both the First Amendment and our nation’s founding principles.”

The Supreme Court decision reverses an opinion by the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit holding the Town of Greece’s practice of beginning Town Board sessions was unconstitutional. Speaker Tobin filed an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to take the case. President Andy Biggs of the Arizona State Senate and Speaker Mike Hubbard of the Alabama House of Representatives also joined the brief, which can be found at <http://bit.ly/gallowaybrief>.

The decision by the Supreme Court in *Town of Greece v. Galloway* can be found <http://bit.ly/SCOTUSgalloway>.

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