

The CHAIRMAN. Congratulations. I want to thank you. You are the only one in 27 days that has come in in 5 minutes.

As a county commissioner, you are an elected official, a member of the county commission?

Ms. FRAZIER. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That is a job I had before this job. Be careful or you may get sent here. But thank you very—seriously, thank you very much for your testimony.

Reverend Haygood.

Reverend HAYGOOD. Yes.

STATEMENT OF REV. LAWRENCE F. HAYGOOD

Reverend HAYGOOD. Mr. Chairman, my Senator from the State of Alabama, Howell Heflin, we wish to thank you for the superbly excellent leadership you are providing to the people of our great State and for what you have done for us through the years.

Senator HEFLIN. I believe you ought to be allowed a little more than 5 minutes. [Laughter.]

The CHAIRMAN. Well, I can tell you when he does I will hand you the gavel.

Reverend HAYGOOD. And so we thank you, and we certainly we are proud of you. And we thank also your very able assistant, Dr. Long. And I would be remiss if I did not say thank you to my southern brother from North Carolina, Senator Thurmond.

Senator THURMOND. South Carolina.

Reverend HAYGOOD. South Carolina, Senator Thurmond, for your excellent performance.

And to the rest of the members of this Committee—

The CHAIRMAN. I must say to you, Reverend Haygood, if you are looking for extra time you better think of something nice to say about the Chairman. [Laughter.]

I mean, you can look down to either end of this table, you go this Republican from South Carolina and say good things about him, talk about him and you don't say anything about me. You have got 3 minutes, Reverend, and make it quick.

Reverend HAYGOOD. And that is exactly what I was getting ready to do, Senator Biden. [Laughter.]

To really commend you for the superbly excellent manner in which you have conducted these hearings. We thank you so much.

The CHAIRMAN. Fine. Now we will start the clock. [Laughter.]

Reverend HAYGOOD. It was Edward R. Murrow who reminded us that no nation has ever achieved greatness without being called to greatness by its leaders.

During the past decade, Judge Clarence Thomas has called America to greatness. Regarded as the rejected stone by the black leadership establishment Judge Clarence Thomas has now become the chief cornerstone of brotherhood, human equality, and individual liberty, in the land of the free and the home of the grave.

Judge Thomas has carved out a pathway for the new black leadership of the future, and he has left it a legacy that is firm, workable, excellent, compassionate, sagacious, and competitive. Judge Clarence Thomas has proven that he possesses those attributes of

judicial prudence, integrity, and ability essential to serve as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

His character, energy, compassion, and intellect have positively excited the American public, and the public is demanding his expeditious confirmation. Frederick Douglas has reminded us that "Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never has and it never will."

Kind, genteel, and urbane, Judge Thomas has emptied his life into the lives of the oppressed, the downtrodden, the poor, the forgotten, and the less change people of the times. He has been faithful to the Biblical injunction: "Undo the heavy burdens of the poor and let the oppressed go free."

Impartial, honest, and caring, Judge Thomas, during the past 10 years, has implemented action that is affirmative based on self-help, hard work, discipline, empowerment, excellent of performance, individual rights, personal responsibility, and credible enforcement of civil rights in behalf of all Americans.

Judge Thomas believes that the Constitution is colorblind and that it serves as a basis for diligently working toward a colorblind society. The Constitution, he believes, is a safe harbor that protects individual rights, inherent equality, human dignity, and equal opportunity for all.

Judge Thomas has indicated that welfare dependency has served as a narcotic to those who have been enslaved by it. Our task as leaders is to empower those who are dependent upon public assistance to move from a cycle of dependency to a cycle of self-sufficiency. This can best be done, according to the nominee, through education and training. Education and training is the key which unlocks the door to success and achievement.

The poor, themselves, have the responsibility of ushering in a new culture of character and a rebirth of good manners by rejecting crime, drugs, violence, apathy, and illiteracy. The poor must remember the words of Mr. Myers Anderson: "Mr. Can't is dead. I buried him."

Judge Thomas is a firm advocate of preparation. Recalling President Lincoln, he said, "I will prepare myself and when the time comes I will be ready." Judge Thomas prepared himself, the time has come, and he is ready to serve as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Judge Thomas cares enough to make a difference and to change the world for many people so that they may enjoy a more refined quality of life and thereby insure that this Nation, under God, shall not perish from the Earth.

Thank you, and we urge your confirmation of Senator and Judge Clarence Thomas.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Reverend.

Let me out of respect yield to your senior Senator for questions first.

Senator HEFLIN. I don't believe I have any questions. The only thing is that I see we have a Holifield and a Frazier on the panel. Is there any pugilistic influence in regard to this? You know, we got Evander Holifield from Alabama.