

at the very least, open a dialog on where we should be going to maximize the opportunities for all Americans.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, the confirmation of Judge Thomas will be a testimonial to what America is about. It will send a loud and clear message to our young people that anything is possible in this country for those willing to make the necessary sacrifices and commitments to hard work and discipline.

The life of Judge Thomas is a perfect example of the promise of equality and opportunity in America. Judge Thomas and his rise from humble beginnings fit like a glove the profile of the American dream. I respectfully urge you and your colleagues to confirm his nomination.

Thank you again for this opportunity to share with you my thoughts on my friend Judge Thomas.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Obviously, I am not a very fierce Chairman. You have gone twice the time, as well.

Please try to surprise me, Ms. Frazier, and get it in in 5 minutes.

STATEMENT OF DEANIE FRAZIER

Ms. FRAZIER. I will. My name is Deanie Frazier.

The CHAIRMAN. I am sorry, I said Diane. I am very sorry. For that, you can go 6 minutes, but not 7. [Laughter.]

Ms. FRAZIER. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I wish to thank you for the distinct privilege to participate in one of America's finest expressions of democracy.

As the attention of our great country is focused on the possibility of our having the second African-American on the Nation's highest court, the kind Senators of these hearings show that there is an absolute atmosphere of racelessness, which shows how great our country is. To watch hours on end the superior legal minds dealing on an elevated level, which we the common people never think in terms of, is indeed educational.

Senators, as a member of the Chatham County Commissioners, I stand in awe of this august body and humbled, indeed, that you would permit me even to come before you to make a brief statement in behalf of Judge Clarence Thomas' nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Clarence Thomas represents the kind of person that lets the down and out know that they can rise above the basic social, economic, and educational levels to the pinnacle of American life.

Help make these visions manifested. Help lift the curtain that blocks the light of expectation, which many are blinded because of various considerations and situations. Help make a dream real, a contribution possible, a greatness of national pride even greater. Make a decision to help our national image become just a little more representative of what we know the world sees in our efforts. Help now by voting for Judge Thomas to become an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Chairman and honorable Senators, it may cause a debate, should the flow of events that brought Judge Thomas to this point be referred to as miraculous. Yet, the debate can be shut off. If we consider the fact that this very nomination is beyond the natural,

our willingness to maintain the desired condition of separation of church and state is firm, but I have a feeling there is a strange activity taking place right here between these hallowed walls, that it may be generally accustomed to experience.

The Central Georgia Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, with Rev. Joseph C. Cole, as Bishop, highly recommends Judge Thomas, because the more than 9,000 members feel that justice would be served, should you favorably consider Judge Thomas.

The St. Paul Christian Episcopal Church, the largest black Methodist church in Savannah, with Rev. Dr. Henry R. Delaney, pastor, prayerfully recommends to this committee Judge Clarence Thomas, because there is hope in his nomination, and confirmation will represent to our children and future generations that a poor black man can rise to the highest court in this land.

The historical effectiveness of this confirmation will foster good will between mankind in many ways that we can never fully fathom. Your accountability for making this mammoth contribution will long be remembered as the Senators who were the epitome of those who search for quality beyond pigmentation, beyond former barriers, and reveal that a major change has become a part of democracy's efforts at the declarations now in progress.

The way in which the hearings have been conducted make the whole Nation resound with the melody "America, the Beautiful." The majority of the population, those without private agendas but with a public thirst for fairness and justice are supportive of Judge Thomas, and we respectfully urge your worthy consideration of the nomination.

In closing, I would like to note that the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, GA, on September 13, 1991, unanimously endorsed Judge Clarence Thomas' nomination. And because time will not permit me to read it, I would like to enter it into the record, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. It will be.

Ms. FRAZIER. Thank you very kindly.

[The resolution follows:]