

Statement
by
Congressman John J. Rhodes
before the
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
on
The nomination of Mrs. Sandra Day O'Connor
as an
Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, I want to thank you for this opportunity to voice my support of the nomination of Mrs. Sandra Day O'Connor to serve as an Associate Justice on the United States Supreme Court.

It is fitting that an individual of Judge O'Connor's high standards and eminent qualifications was nominated for this critically important position. Having served as Arizona's Assistant Attorney General; in the State Senate; as a Superior Court Judge; and as a presiding judge on the Arizona Court of Appeals, she is, indeed, as the President so aptly noted, a person for all seasons.

It is important to note that during these years of public service, Judge O'Connor has served with distinction in a number of responsible positions outside of government. She has been a member of Stanford University's Board of Trustees and is currently President of the Board of Directors of the Heard Museum and a member of the Board of Directors of the Phoenix Historical Society.

Judge O'Connor's supporters represent a wide spectrum of political and philosophical viewpoints -- a living testimony to her capabilities and to her equitable approach to jurisprudence.

As the first woman to be nominated to serve on the Supreme Court, it is a historic occasion and one of immense satisfaction to all who applaud the President's action. The Senate now has an opportunity to participate in this auspicious event.

Our country has experienced many significant changes during its 200-year history, and ratification of this nomination will join the list of exceptional milestones. I urge the Committee to act favorably on this matter.