

quite another. In the latter case, it's the ability to understand and apply the law that counts. Sandra O'Connor's competence in this respect is not questioned.

Jerry Falwell and crew are demanding some guarantee that O'Connor will decide cases to their liking, and that's not what the system is all about. Barry Goldwater was right when he said, "I don't buy this idea that a justice of the Supreme Court has to stand for this, that or the other thing." Goldwater understands the constitutional job of the court. I wish Falwell could grasp Barry's meaning.

You can tell a lot about people and even draw a profile by the company they keep and the affiliations they make. Her résumé has these kinds of entries: prosecutor, legislator and state senate leader, civilian employee with the U.S. Army in Germany, juvenile judge, Republican Party official, board of Smithsonian Associates, Salvation Army, Soroptomists Club, Arizona Academy, Junior League, board of Blue Cross-Blue Shield, board of directors of the First National Bank, elected Woman of the Year and recipient of the annual award from the Phoenix Conference of Christians and Jews. And there is much more.

It may be a cliché, but in the case of Sandra O'Connor, she really is a pillar of the community. A consistent, decent, hard-working lawmaker, politician, mother, wife, lawyer, public servant and judge.

When one looks at Sandra O'Connor, studies her brand of Republicanism and knows the Republican friends she keeps, it was little wonder that someone in the White House called her "too good to be true."

Like I said earlier, Washington may have been a bit surprised, but out in Arizona, we take the Sandra O'Connors for granted.

The CHAIRMAN. Congressman Rudd of Arizona.

#### STATEMENT OF HON. ELDON D. RUDD, A MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA

Congressman RUDD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished members of the committee, I am very pleased to have this opportunity to appear before this committee today, and also pleased to see you in that seat, Mr. Chairman.

I am glad to express my wholehearted support for the nomination of my constituent, Sandra O'Connor, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America. I have known Judge O'Connor for a number of years, as a political campaigner, as a distinguished legislator in the State of Arizona, and as a distinguished jurist in the Arizona court system. I have supported her in her actions in all of these positions.

She has excelled in every task that she has undertaken: as assistant State attorney general, as leader of the State legislature, and as an outstanding jurist in the court of appeals. In all of these positions she has shown devotion to the constitutional processes which govern this Nation, and I am certain that Judge O'Connor will bring the same integrity and the same wisdom to the high court that she did to all branches of the State government of Arizona.

Judge O'Connor is a serious student of the law and her record gives evidence of her strict interpretation of the role of the judiciary. Her varied experiences in government have given depth to her views, and I believe this makes her especially well-qualified for the position. Her nomination is indeed a testimonial to President Reagan's commitment to a stable and responsive government. I urge her confirmation as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The CHAIRMAN. The Judiciary Committee has received a number of resolutions from various groups, and without objection, they will be placed in the record. Among those are a few I hold in my hand at this time: One by the board of governors of the State Bar of Arizona; one by the board of directors of the Maricopa County Bar

Association; one by the Arizona Judges Association; one by the Arizona State 35th Legislature, Second Special Session, 1981, passed House Concurrent Memorial 2001; one by the Texas State 67th Legislature, First Called Session, 1981, passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

[Resolutions follow:]