

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.

Ms. HOLIFIELD. Yes, Senator. My name is spelled H-o-l-i-f-i-e-l-d, but my husband's father's name is spelled H-o-l-y-f-i-e-l-d. He changed it when he went to California.

Senator HEFLIN. All right. I don't believe I have any questions. The CHAIRMAN. Senator Thurmond?

Senator THURMOND. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I want to welcome all of you here. I was just thinking about the contrast in testimony, three professors testified earlier this afternoon and now hearing your testimony. This panel talks like humanitarians. You sound like you love people. And that you look for the good in people. And I am so glad to have you here.

I am not going to take up a lot of time. I would just ask two questions from all of you. If you will just answer them starting with Ms.—is it Holifield? Then Ms. Bryant. Then Ms. Frazier. And then Reverend Haygood.

Is it your opinion that Judge Thomas is highly qualified and possesses the necessary integrity, professional competence and judicial temperament to be an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court? If so, answer yes. If not, no.

Ms. HOLIFIELD. Yes, Senator.

Senator HEFLIN. Your answer is yes. And Ms. Bryant?

Ms. BRYANT. Yes, Senator.

Senator HEFLIN. Your answer is yes. Ms. Frazier?

Ms. FRAZIER. I would like the Senator to read one part of the resolution that my fellow Commissioners signed, and I think that would speak for itself, if I may.

Senator HEFLIN. All right. Go ahead.

Ms. FRAZIER. Whereas, Judge Thomas has proved worthy of the nomination with his service as Director of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and mostly recently as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, the immediate appellate court to the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Thomas' confirmation would not only recognize his judicial qualities but also continue the inspiration for black Americans that Justice Thurgood Marshall helped to establish, and whereas it appears that Judge Thomas must stand a different test—judgement of his beliefs because of his race—his judicial demeanor and integrity remain about reproach.

Therefore, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County to hereby resolve its support for Clarence Thomas.

And that is a diverse board, I would like you to know. We have four Republicans, five Democrats, three females.

Senator THURMOND. Now, what organization is that? Repeat that for the record.

Ms. FRAZIER. That is the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, Savannah, GA.

Senator THURMOND. Is that county?

Ms. FRAZIER. County. That is correct.

Senator THURMOND. County council in Chatham County.

Ms. FRAZIER. That is correct.

Senator THURMOND. And that is composed how many people?

Ms. FRAZIER. Nine.

Senator THURMOND. How many Democrats and how many Republicans?

Ms. FRAZIER. We have five Democrats and four Republicans.