

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.

Senator THURMOND. I see.

Ms. FRAZIER. Three females.

Senator THURMOND. And this is action by them?

Ms. FRAZIER. Pardon me?

Senator THURMOND. And this is action that they took?

Ms. FRAZIER. Yes, sir. On last Friday.

Senator THURMOND. So I presume your answer then is yes to the question I propounded.

Ms. FRAZIER. Yes, sir. Unanimous.

Senator THURMOND. Reverend Haygood?

Reverend HAYGOOD. Yes, sir, Senator.

Senator THURMOND. Second question. Do you know of any reason why Clarence Thomas should not be made a member of the Supreme Court?

Ms. HOLIFIELD. The answer is no, Senator.

Senator THURMOND. Ms. Holifield, no. Ms. Bryant?

Ms. BRYANT. No, Senator.

Senator THURMOND. No. Ms. Frazier?

Ms. FRAZIER. No, sir.

Senator THURMOND. Reverend Haygood?

Reverend HAYGOOD. No, sir, Senator.

Senator THURMOND. That is all the questions I have. I want to thank you for coming, participating in this hearing and adding, I think, greatly to the outcome of the hearing. Thank you very much for your presence.

Reverend HAYGOOD. Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator.

The Senator from Wyoming?

Senator SIMPSON. Mr. Chairman, I thank you, and I am very pleased that I was here to hear these remarks from these fine people because you have a way of cutting through the fog that sometimes envelopes us here as we get into very highly technical stuff.

And it is fascinating sometimes. I learn from it too, but I am sure that the American public, and the vast majority of them, don't have the slightest idea what we are talking about. And nor do they care.

They want to know who this man is that is going to sit and judge, and that is what we are going to do with them—he will be appointed to judge—and who is he. And when you find people like you who, who some earlier ones have known him, and as I said before, I have never seen a more extraordinary outpouring of support by people who know him intimately, and then people who do not. And I believe that you, Ms. Holifield, do not—you had never known him before your, personally that is, before your action in California.

Ms. HOLIFIELD. That is correct, Senator.

Senator SIMPSON. And you have praised his philosophy of self-help and self-reliance, and certain witnesses at this hearing and during these proceedings have described Judge Thomas as being "outside the mainstream," which is a sinister, supposed to be a sinister thing, and I haven't found that at all.