

TESTIMONY OF

SHERIFF CARL R. PEED, FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

ON BEHALF OF

SHERIFF MARSHALL E. HONAKER

PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

BEFORE THE U.S. JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE U.S. SENATE

ON THE NOMINATION OF

JUDGE CLARENCE THOMAS

FOR

THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

September 20, 1991

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: IT IS A DISTINCT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO COME BEFORE YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE TO SHARE WITH YOU THE REASONS WHY THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS THE NOMINATION OF JUDGE CLARENCE THOMAS FOR THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

I AM CARL R. PEED, SHERIFF OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF MARSHALL HONAKER OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION. I AM A LONG-TIME NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATE WITH MEMBERSHIP ON THE LAW & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, THE DETENTION & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE AND THE ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE. I AM A CAREER LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL WITH 17 YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH THE FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. I HAVE THE HONOR OF COMING FROM A FAMILY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. MY FATHER WAS A DEPUTY SHERIFF AND MY BROTHER WAS A POLICE OFFICER.

THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1940, REPRESENTING THE NATION'S SHERIFFS, DEPUTY SHERIFFS, POLICE EXECUTIVES, CORRECTIONS PERSONNEL, AND OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICIALS. THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION, WITH ITS 25,000 MEMBERS, REPRESENTS THE 3,096 SHERIFFS OF THIS COUNTRY. BECAUSE OF MY BACKGROUND IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BECAUSE OF THE CONCERNS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS, I AM ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY.

AS THE DRUG WAR RAGES ON AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH A RISING TIDE OF VIOLENT CRIMES NATIONWIDE, WE NEED AN ANTI-CRIME ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF JUDGE THOMAS.

THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, JUDGE THOMAS HAS PRESERVED HIS PERSONAL INTEGRITY, HONESTY, AND PRINCIPLES, MAINTAINING THESE QUALITIES IN THE FACE OF DISCRIMINATION, BIGOTRY, AND POLITICAL RIVALRY. HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE SUPREME COURT WILL PROVIDE AN EXPERIENCED, JUST VOICE ON THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES PLAGUING THIS NATION TODAY. PRESIDENT BUSH HAS THOUGHTFULLY CHOSEN A MAN, A DEMONSTRATED LEADER, WHO WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SURVEYED OUR MEMBERSHIP REGARDING JUDGE THOMAS' NOMINATION. SHERIFF ROBERT C. RUFO, MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION, SAID, "JUDGE THOMAS BRINGS AN EXEMPLARY EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND DIVERSE LEGAL EXPERIENCE TO THE BENCH. ADDITIONALLY, HE APPEARS TO POSSESS THE HUMANISTIC QUALITIES CRITICAL TO THE ISSUES BEFORE THE NATION'S HIGHEST COURT." ALONG WITH SHERIFF RUFO'S COMMENTS, NSA HEADQUARTERS RECEIVED COMMENT AFTER COMMENT FILLED WITH PRAISE FROM SHERIFFS ACROSS THE COUNTRY REGARDING JUDGE THOMAS. THEY SPOKE OF JUDGE THOMAS AS A "PERSON OF THE HIGHEST CALIBRE," "AN ANTI-CRIME PERSON," "A JUDGE WHO RECOGNIZES THE TOUGH JOB FACING LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS TODAY." THOSE WHO KNOW HIM, AND THOSE WHO READ OF HIS CREDENTIALS, ARE EQUALLY ENTHUSIASTIC. OUR NATION'S SHERIFFS SHOULDER THEIR POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WITH PRIDE. THEY FULLY RECOGNIZE JUDGE THOMAS' ACKNOWLEDGED TALENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS. FRANKLY, WE NEED, AND WE WANT JUDGE THOMAS AND WHAT HE HAS TO OFFER THE ENTIRE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

IT IS OUR DEFINITE BELIEF THAT HE WILL APPROACH THE CASES THAT COME BEFORE THE COURT WITH A COMMITMENT TO DECIDING THEM FAIRLY, AS THE FACTS AND THE LAW REQUIRES.

NEVER IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY HAVE WE NEEDED MORE DESPERATELY TO ADD TO OUR HIGHEST JUDICIAL BODY A TOTALLY FAIR, IMPARTIAL, BRILLIANT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE. UNQUESTIONABLY, NOW IS THE HOUR FOR THIS MAN. HE HAS OUR ADMIRATION - AND OUR RESPECT. ON BEHALF OF YOUR NATIONS' SHERIFFS, AND THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION, LET ME URGE YOU TO PROCEED WITH ALL DUE HASTE TO SEE THAT JUDGE THOMAS IS SEATED ON THAT BENCH.

THANK YOU.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CARL R. FRED</b> <b>SHERIFF</b> <b>FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA</b></p>
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

• Sheriff	Fairfax County Sheriff's Office	1990 - Present
• Chief Deputy Sheriff	Fairfax County Sheriff's Office	1980 - 1990
• Captain	Diagnostic & Treatment Division	1977 - 1979
• Lieutenant	Classification Section	1976 - 1977
• Coordinator	Work Release Program	1974 - 1976
• Instructor/Coach	Pembroke State University	1972 - 1974
• United States Army	Presidential Honor Guard Fort Meyer, Virginia	1970 - 1972

EDUCATION

•	B.S. Pembroke State University North Carolina	1970
•	National Institute of Corrections	1978
•	National Sheriffs Institute	1983
•	FBI National Academy	1984
•	Certificate of Criminal Justice Administration University of Virginia	1984

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE

•	Certified auditor for American Correctional Association
•	Auditor for the National Sheriffs Association
•	Consultant for the National Institute of Corrections and the National Sheriffs Association
•	One of six people selected nationally to review the seven volume National Institute of Corrections <u>Classification Training Manual</u>
•	One of seventeen people selected nationally to field test the National Sheriffs Association's <u>Supervisor Training Manual</u>

ADDITIONAL GRADUATE CREDIT

•	Communication for Justice Administrators University of Virginia
•	Correctional Institutions Design & Development Virginia Commonwealth University
•	Group Counseling in Corrections American University
•	Graduate Survey Administration of Justice American University
•	Innovative Corrections Practice & Theory American University
•	Introduction to Social Research American University
•	Community Relations George Mason University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

•	National Sheriffs Association
•	Virginia State Sheriffs Association
•	American Jail Association
•	FBI National Academy Association
•	American Correctional Association
•	Virginia Correctional Association
•	Fairfax County Sheriffs Association
•	NO. VA Mental Health Alliance