

to become quite well acquainted with Judge O'Connor as a jurist, as a scholar, as a person, and as a friend. I can certainly say that I consider her to be highly qualified for this most important post.

Throughout her career she has exemplified the quality of judicial restraint which is most essential to the functioning of our form of government. She has also demonstrated a very strong commitment to the critical role that the States play in our Federal system.

This is a very proud day for me personally, as it is for the President and for the administration. We went out to find the very best and, as I am confident you will see, we think we have done just that with Judge Sandra Day O'Connor.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

We will now hear from the distinguished Senator from Arizona, the senior Senator, Senator Barry Goldwater.

**STATEMENT OF HON. BARRY GOLDWATER, A U.S. SENATOR
FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

Senator GOLDWATER. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I am delighted and honored to have this opportunity to introduce to you Judge Sandra O'Connor and to declare my unqualified endorsement of her nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mrs. O'Connor is a very fine judge. She has a legal and political background, and is extremely well-admired in Arizona. Judge O'Connor has done far more for the community than most women or most men, and has received many awards from civic and religious groups. She has been married for 29 years, raised three sons, and you could not find a more family-oriented person than she is.

During these hearings, I think you will find Judge O'Connor to have a deep love of our Constitution and a strong attachment to the first principles that secure our liberties and form our unique contribution to the science of government. Judge O'Connor's balanced background enables her, more than most people, to appreciate and understand the concepts and values which underlie both the law and constitutional government.

As a former trial judge, Mrs. O'Connor has the technical ability to know what a civil or criminal proceeding is all about. In her present position as a judge on the appeals court, she has demonstrated proven competence in reviewing lower court decisions. As a State court judge, Mrs. O'Connor brings a perspective to the U.S. Supreme Court that is important to our federal system; and as a former legislator, she comprehends the full meaning of representative government.

Mr. Chairman, I have been acquainted with the O'Connor family for many, many years. I know the Nation will be well-served if your committee votes favorably on her nomination.

Mr. Chairman, because Congressman John Rhodes has been detained in Arizona, he has asked me to ask you to insert in the record his statement relative to Judge O'Connor, and I thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, the statement will be inserted in the record.

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