

**STATEMENT OF HON. WYCHE FOWLER, JR., A U.S. SENATOR  
FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

Senator FOWLER. Mr. Chairman, I certainly join in the pride of my senior colleague that a Georgian has been nominated for the highest judicial office in the land. In fact, I cannot think of a time of similar pride both for myself and for Georgians, except for the nomination of Georgian Martin Luther King, Jr., for the Nobel Peace Prize.

As Senator Nunn has said, we have had visits and trips, and there is remarkable enthusiasm, not the least because Judge Thomas has already succeeded not only in putting Pin Point, GA, on the map, but so swelled their breasts with pride that they are seeking to annex Savannah and Hinesville and half of the Georgia coast.

The second reason, though, and far more important in joining in this introduction is that it means that political speculation about this nominee should be over. It is now through your offices, the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, that we can begin the thorough examination of the nominee and his beliefs that the Constitution requires of us.

Judge Thomas has already shown himself to be a man who has broken many molds and defied many labels. It seems to me that we have no less an obligation, a constitutional obligation, to not submit ourselves to easy categorization as we fulfill our constitutional obligations which I believe Judge Thomas would agree with were he in your position.

I know that you and members of the committee all join me in putting some of the unsavory political campaigning that has gone on behind us. That has been at the least a rude distraction both to the constitutional process and to Judge Thomas' nomination. Now we can get on to the real responsibilities of the Senate confirmation process.

Judge Thomas is perfectly able to express himself, present his case. I know he will do it, and the American people deserve the thorough examination of those views before a decision is made.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much.

Gentlemen, I know you have other obligations. We appreciate your taking the time to come and introduce Georgia's native son.

Now we will hear from the Senators who are going to introduce Virginia's adopted son. We will begin, as we have a wont to do here in the Senate, in order of seniority and begin with the distinguished senior Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Senator Warner.

**STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN W. WARNER, A U.S. SENATOR FROM  
THE STATE OF VIRGINIA**

Senator WARNER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. Like our Georgia colleagues, Senator Robb and I likewise consider it a privilege to appear here today on behalf of Judge Thomas and, in a way, on behalf of the constituents we represent in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to have my statement inserted in the record in full. I want to be brief.