

done an outstanding job. And I have every confidence he will make an outstanding United States district judge.

In a similar way, I have gotten to know Xavier Rodriguez, who was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court and who served honorably there. Before that, he worked at Fulbright & Jaworski as a labor lawyer in San Antonio, had an outstanding reputation, is well regarded professionally in San Antonio, and I know who likewise will do a very good job in the Western District of Texas there in the San Antonio Division, which is my hometown, and at least until shortly, the hometown of Judge Montalvo before he now relocates to El Paso, where I know he will be warmly greeted and embraced by the community there.

And Kathy Cardone, Judge Cardone, I have known also for quite a while and who served with great distinction there in El Paso on the district bench and has made numerous contributions to the local community there in the administration of justice, assisting those who are among the most vulnerable in that community. So I could not be more pleased to join with Senator Hutchison and Congressman Reyes in adding my congratulations to the nominees, as well as to their families, and make these brief comments by way of introduction.

Senator CORNYN. With that, let me please ask the judicial nominees to step forward, and we will seat you at the table and administer an oath.

Senator Hatch will also have a written statement that we will make part of the record, and as I said, the record will remain open for at least a week so that any other Senator who has a statement or any questions he or she would like to submit to the nominees can do so.

If each of you would please raise your right hand. Do each of you swear that the testimony you are about to give before this Committee is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. BROWNING. I do.

Judge CARDONE. I do.

Judge COHN. I do.

Judge MONTALVO. I do.

Justice RODRIGUEZ. I do.

Senator CORNYN. Thank you. Please have a seat.

Now that we have done the most important part and each of you had a chance to be introduced as well as introduce your family, we would like to give you an opportunity to make any brief statement that you would like to make before we begin with questions. And, James O. Browning, Mr. Browning, you have been recommended by both of your home State Senators, and you are a next-door neighbor in New Mexico to those of us in Texas. We would be glad to hear any comments that you may have.

**STATEMENT OF JAMES O. BROWNING, NOMINEE TO BE
DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

Mr. BROWNING. Mr. Chairman, I very much appreciate being here today. I think now that Senator Domenici has introduced my family, I will just express my appreciation for being here today and leave it at that.

Thank you.

[The biographical information of Mr. Browning follows:]