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**U.S. Senator Bob Graham
Introduction of James I. Cohn to the Senate
Judiciary Committee**

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Mr. Chairman, thank you for scheduling this hearing and for this Committee's attention to the needs of the Southern District of Florida, one of the biggest and busiest judicial districts in the country.

Today I introduce to the Committee the Honorable James I. Cohn, who currently serves as a Judge in the State of Florida's Seventeenth Circuit. Judge Cohn is joined by his wife, Kathleen Cohn, and their son William. Kathleen, a registered nurse, is active in the PTA at Nova Eisenhower School, where William is entering the second grade.

I am pleased to introduce you to this nominee not only because he is an able jurist, but also because of Judge Cohn's diverse legal experience. Judge Cohn spent eighteen years in private practice, three years in the Broward County State Attorney's Office, and eight years as Judge in the County Court of Florida's Seventeenth Circuit. During his time on the bench, Judge Cohn has distinguished himself as a hard worker, presiding over 770 jury trials, an average of ninety-six jury trials per year.

Judge Cohn's academic and public service credentials are impressive. A graduate of the University of Alabama and the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, Judge Cohn has also served his country in the Alabama National Guard, the Florida National Guard, and the United States Army Reserves.

Judge Cohn continually ranks among the top circuit judges in the Broward County Bar Association's annual poll and colleagues describe him as an intelligent, open-minded judge who continually applies the law impartially.

Judge Cohn is an intelligent and dedicated candidate, ready for the challenging work that the federal bench requires.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of his nomination, and I have every expectation that both this Committee and the full Senate will act on this nomination without delay.

