

as a judge. But before that, he distinguished himself as an attorney and a community leader. He is here today with his wife, Mitzi, and his three children Carlson, Hannah, and Allie. I wish they would stand.

Chairman HATCH. We welcome all of you.

Senator SHELBY. We are proud of him. We are proud of the work he has done. And, Mr. Chairman, I believe he will make an outstanding Federal district judge for the Northern District of Alabama. I endorse his nomination without any reservation, and I hope that the Committee will hold an expeditious markup and reporting to the floor of the Senate.

I appreciate your consideration today, and I know you will do this. And if you will excuse me, I have got to go to the other committee.

Chairman HATCH. Thank you, Senator. You are excused, and we appreciate you taking the time.

Senator SHELBY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman HATCH. And I think it is great for you to take time to come and support the judge.

[The prepared statement of Senator Shelby appears as a submission for the record.]

Chairman HATCH. Senator Boxer, we will turn to you next, and then we will go to Senator Corzine, then to Senator Lautenberg.

PRESENTATION OF CONSUELO MARIA CALLAHAN, NOMINEE TO BE CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, BY HON. BARBARA BOXER, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Senator BOXER. Thank you, Chairman Hatch and members of the Committee, for allowing me this honor of introducing to you Judge Consuelo "Connie" Callahan, the nominee for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal. I would ask her to stand so you can see here.

Judge Callahan is a native of California, born in Palo Alto. She is a graduate of Stanford University and the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific. She was the first female and the first Hispanic judge to sit on the San Joaquin County Superior Court. Judge Callahan is joined today by her husband, Randy, and, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I would ask Judge Callahan's husband, Randy, to stand.

Chairman HATCH. We are happy to welcome you here.

Senator BOXER. And I wanted you to know that our nominee has two grown children, who I know are so proud of their mother. The children couldn't be here, but Connie's best friend's son, Will, is here to lend his support, if he would like to stand.

Chairman HATCH. Happy to have you here.

Senator BOXER. I enjoyed very much my visit with Judge Callahan yesterday in my office. We talked at length about her life, her accomplishments, her extensive community involvement in California.

I would ask unanimous consent that the remainder of my statement be placed in the record, but I would like to just tell you a little bit about our conversation.

I think what I was most pleased with is that Judge Callahan understands what a role model she is and that she has taken so much

time out of her busy schedule to spend time with young people in schools. And she goes to those schools often, and what they have done there is to conduct trials in the schools and encourage the students to study the details of the court cases. She is reaching out to generations of Americans, and I always think for our democracy that is very, very key. We need to encourage participation and interest in civic life, including the judicial process.

She has worked hard to protect children in the area of child abuse, and she has received public recognition, and as you know, Mr. Chairman—you have worked with me on this, Senator Biden has as well—protecting children is very important to me.

She is a former board member and president of the San Joaquin County Child Abuse Prevention Center, so I applaud her involvement in all of these community issues. I am pleased to introduce her to you, and I am really looking forward to reading the record, hearing her answer the questions, but I am very optimistic about this fine choice.

Chairman HATCH. Well, thank you, Senator Boxer. We are pleased to have you here and honored to have you here and very pleased that you have given such good recommendations here today.

Senator BOXER. Thank you.

Chairman HATCH. Thank you for coming.

Senator Corzine, we will go to you and then Senator Lautenberg.

Senator CORZINE. Mr. Chairman, if you wouldn't object, I would defer to Senator Lautenberg. We have this tit-for-tat question about senior Senator.

Chairman HATCH. Well, I worried about that, too, because he actually has more years than you do.

Senator CORZINE. Respect is far more important.

Chairman HATCH. Well, that will be fine, and I think it is very gracious, and, Senator Lautenberg, you should remember that.

**PRESENTATION OF MICHAEL CHERTOFF, NOMINEE TO BE
CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT, BY HON. FRANK
LAUTENBERG, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW
JERSEY**

Senator LAUTENBERG. Thank you very much. That is a very gracious thing for one Senator to give another his time. Wow, we don't usually see that around here.

Chairman HATCH. That is right. I remember the old days.

Senator LAUTENBERG. There was constant deference, Mr. Chairman. That is why it was a little hard to get some things done.

[Laughter.]

Senator LAUTENBERG. In any event, Senator Corzine is a good friend and I really appreciate it. I have a hearing now that I have got to go to, and I want to thank you and our ranking member, Pat Leahy, for holding this hearing on the nomination of Michael Chertoff to be the circuit court judge for the Third Circuit, and he is here with his wife, Meryl, and his son and daughter. And if they would all stand up, you can see what a nice family back-up Michael Chertoff has.

Chairman HATCH. Really happy to have you all here.