

a wide range of civil and criminal litigation cases, so Judge Coogler knows firsthand the importance of maintaining a solid judicial temperament. And I am particularly impressed that Judge Coogler has shared his expertise by teaching at his alma mater, the University of Alabama Law School, despite the demands of his judicial service.

So we welcome each of you to the Committee. We look forward to hearing your testimony, and I think, why don't we begin with you, Mr. Chertoff, if you have any statement, and I would like you to introduce your family again to us. And if you have a statement, we would be pleased to take that, and then we will go to Justice Callahan and then to Judge Coogler.

**STATEMENT OF MICHAEL CHERTOFF, NOMINEE TO BE
CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT**

Mr. CHERTOFF. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have a statement. I would be delighted to introduce my family again: my wife, Meryl, and my daughter, Emily, and my son, Philip. Stand up for a moment.

Chairman HATCH. Please stand up. I want the wife to stand, too, so we all can see. You have got to stand, too, Mrs. Chertoff.

Mr. CHERTOFF. I also want to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Senator Sessions and my two Senators, Senator Lautenberg and Senator Corzine, for all of your gracious remarks. It is a pleasure to be before the Committee.

Thank you.

Chairman HATCH. Well, they are not nearly as laudatory as I would like them to be, and I really feel that deeply about your service. And I think others do as well.

[The biographical information of Mr. Chertoff follows:]