

having gone to the University of Tennessee, I am pleased to see you here. It is always nice to see somebody else come out of East Tennessee and do particularly well, as you have done, so we are pleased to have you here.

**STATEMENT OF J. RONNIE GREER, NOMINEE TO BE DISTRICT  
JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

Mr. GREER. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I certainly appreciate those comments.

It is a great honor to be here today and at the same time, a very humbling experience.

I do not have an opening statement. I would simply like to express my appreciation to both Senator Frist and Senator Alexander for their comments earlier and, if I may, would like to introduce my family and friends who are here today.

Senator CHAMBLISS. Please do.

Mr. GREER. I would like to first of all introduce my wife, Bunny, who is in the second row here.

Senator CHAMBLISS. Let them stand up if you will, so we can see you back there.

Mr. GREER. And my friends, Billy McCamey and Peggy Freshour, who came here from Greeneville to lend support today, and I appreciate them being here very much.

Bunny and I have a 6-year-old daughter. We did not bring her today—we thought that might be a little much—and she has been very busy this week with kindergarten graduation and dance recitals, so we decided to leave her at home. But I am very proud of my family and very proud to have my family and friends here today.

Senator CHAMBLISS. Great. Well, we can sure understand why. Thank you.

Mr. Hardiman?

[The biographical information of Mr. Greer follows.]