

Senator GRAHAM. Thank you, sir.  
Judge Yeakel?

**STATEMENT OF EARL LEROY YEAKEI III, NOMINEE TO BE  
DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

Judge YEAKEI. Mr. Chairman, I also will forego, in the interest of time, an opening statement. I would like to thank you for conducting this hearing and giving all of us an opportunity to be here today. I would thank Senators Hutchison and Cornyn for their recommendation, and the President for his nomination.

And I thank you my family who has already been introduced, for being here to support me today. Thank you again.<sup>6</sup>

[The biographical information of Judge Yeakel follows:]