

Statement of

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On the Confirmation of Anthony J. Trenga to be a Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Mr. Chairman, today it is my distinct pleasure to offer my support along with my colleague Senator Warner for the nomination of Anthony J. Trenga to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Mr. Trenga has enjoyed a long career in which he has earned the respect of both colleagues and clients. Mr. Trenga received a rating of "highly qualified" by the Virginia Bar Association. He has been described as an attorney of the highest integrity, unbiased, diligent; and one that possesses superlative legal skills. Mr. Trenga's practice has been exclusively litigation, and he has worked primarily in the U.S. District Court in Alexandria to which he seeks appointment.

In 1974, Mr. Trenga served as a law clerk for the Honorable Ted Dalton, who served on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia. Mr. Trenga then joined the law firm of Sachs, Greenebaum & Tayler in 1975 and became a partner in 1982. Mr. Trenga served as managing partner at Hazel and Tomas, P.C. from 1987-1998. Presently, Mr. Trenga is Chairman of the Litigation Department at Miller & Chevalier Chartered. In addition to a distinguished professional career, Mr. Trenga has received numerous professional and civic awards for community involvement.

Mr. Trenga received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1971, his J.D. from the University of Virginia in 1974, and has taken non-degree graduate law courses at the Georgetown University Law Center. He is married to Rita Marie FlorCruz Trenga and is the father of Elizabeth and Anthony Trenga.

I should note that the U.S. Senate exercises critical oversight in the confirmation of judges to U.S. Courts. I am pleased that Senator Warner and I have been able to work jointly, in a bipartisan way, to

help ensure that persons appointed to U.S. courts in the Commonwealth of Virginia take seriously their role in defending the principles of the U.S. Constitution and will serve in a fair and unbiased manner. Mr. Trenga is an outstanding example of our collaboration.

I want to thank you Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to make these remarks about this outstanding Virginian. In particular, Mr. Chairman, I want to express my gratitude for the expeditious way the Senate has moved the nomination of Mr. Trenga through the process during the 110th Congress. Again, it is with pride that I join Senator Warner in commending Mr. Trenga to each of my colleagues on this committee.