

STATEMENT BY SENATOR ROBERT MORGAN  
SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1977

MR. CHAIRMAN:

IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO JOIN WITH MY COLLEAGUE, SENATOR HELMS,

IN PRESENTING TO YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, JOHN M. HARMON

WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO SERVE AS ASSISTANT

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.

I HAVE NOT KNOWN JOHN FOR VERY LONG BUT CERTAINLY HE HAS MADE A

FAVORABLE IMPRESSION UPON ME SINCE WE HAVE BECOME FRIENDS.

IT TAKES ONLY A MOMENT TO DISCOVER THAT HE HAS A KEEN INTELLECT

COMPLEMENTED BY AN ABUNDANCE OF GOOD COMMON SENSE. HE HAS RECEIVED HIGH

HONORS, AND FOR A YOUNG MAN HIS AGE HAS SERVED IN POSITIONS OF GREAT

RESPONSIBILITY. YET HE HAS HIS FEET ON THE GROUND AND POSSESSES THE COMMON

TOUCH. I ADMIRE HIM FOR THIS.

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JOHN IS A NATIVE OF STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND I HAVE LONG BEEN  
AWARE OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH CLOSE MUTUAL FRIENDS. HE AND MY  
CAMPAIGN MANAGER, CHARLES WINBERRY, GREW UP TOGETHER AND AS LONG AS I  
HAVE KNOWN CHARLIE, I HAVE HEARD GOOD THINGS AND GLOWING REPORTS ABOUT  
JOHN HARMON.

JOHN WAS A VARSITY FOOTBALL PLAYER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
PRESIDENT OF HIS CLASS AND A MEMBER OF PHI BETA KAPPA.

HE WENT TO DUKE TO OBTAIN HIS LAW DEGREE AND THEN, BECAUSE OF HIS ACADEMIC  
RECORD, WAS SELECTED AS A LAW CLERK BY OUR PRESENT ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO  
THEN SAT ON THE 5TH CIRCUIT BENCH.

JOHN HARMON IS AN EXCELLENT STUDENT OF THE LAW AND QUICKLY PROVED HIS  
ABILITIES IN THE AREA OF RESERACH. JUSTICE HUGO BLACK THEN ASKED HIM TO

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COME CLERK FOR HIM AT THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AND JOHN ~~WAS~~  
WORKING WITH JUSTICE BLACK AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. JOHN THEN CLERKED  
FOR CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN BURGER UNTIL LEAVING TO ENTER THE PRIVATE  
PRACTICE OF LAW.

JOHN STARTED HIS CAREER IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN AN UNUSUAL AND  
CHALLENGING WAY. HE WENT TO PARIS AND FOR FIVE YEARS WAS WITH THE  
NEW YORK FIRM OF COUDERT BROTHERS. IN ADDITION, DURING THAT TIME HE  
WAS THE UNITED STATES MEMBER OF THE COURT OF ARBITRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THAT COURT IS THE PRINCIPAL  
ARBITRATION FORUM FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL DISPUTES.  
SO YOU CAN SEE, MR. HARMON HAS PACKED A WIDE RANGE OF LEGAL EXPERIENCE  
INTO A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. HE KNOWS THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL

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SYSTEM, HE IS AN ACCOMPLISHED STUDENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, HE UNDERSTANDS  
THE COMPLEXITIES OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROBLEMS, AND ABOVE ALL, HE IS  
A GOOD LAWYER.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT JOHN HARMON WILL DO A GOOD JOB AS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY  
GENERAL AND IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU THIS AFTERNOON  
TO URGE YOUR APPROVAL OF HIS NOMINATION.