

Prepared Remarks for Introduction of U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions

United States Senator Jeff Sessions has represented the people of Alabama in Washington for more than 18 years.

Sen. Sessions is known throughout the country as a strong advocate for the rule-of-law and an unwavering supporter of America's men and women in uniform. He believes in limited, constitutional government that allows Americans to fulfill their highest dreams.

Sen. Sessions is the Chairman of two key Senate subcommittees: Strategic Forces (on the Armed Services Committee), as well as Immigration and the National Interest (on the Judiciary Committee).

He is a senior member of the Senate Budget Committee, where he is a leader of efforts to restore the federal government to its proper role, working to bring deficits down so that future generations aren't burdened with crippling debt. And Sen. Sessions is also a senior member of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

Sen. Sessions knows the state of Alabama well. He grew up in the rural community of Hybart (HIB-ert) and attended high school in Camden. He worked his way through Huntingdon College in Montgomery, and then received a law degree from the University of Alabama in 1973.

Sen. Sessions spent several years practicing law before beginning a career in public service. In 1981, Sen. Sessions was nominated by President Reagan to serve as a United States Attorney—a position he held for 12 years. Sessions was elected as Alabama's Attorney General in 1994, and was first elected to the Senate in 1996. He was just elected to a fourth term in 2014.

Along the way he has benefited from the steadfast support of his wonderful wife, Mary. Together they have three married children, and nine grandchildren. We are proud to have him representing us in the Senate, and we are pleased that he can be with us here today.

Please join me in welcoming Senator Sessions.