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A DISGRACEFUL EPISODE ON CAPITOL HILL

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1989

MR. DOLE. MR. PRESIDENT, GEORGE BUSH SENT A STRONG, POSITIVE AND CARING SIGNAL TO MINORITIES ALL ACROSS AMERICA THIS YEAR WHEN HE NOMINATED BILL LUCAS TO HEAD UP THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION.

THE PRESIDENT CHOSE A MAN WHO DOESN'T HAVE TO READ A BOOK TO FIND OUT ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS; OR GROWING UP BLACK IN AMERICA; OR KNOWING FIRSTHAND THE CRUEL STING OF DISCRIMINATION -- BILL LUCAS HAS LIVED IT -- ALL OF IT. YET, BILL LUCAS IS GETTING THE COLD SHOULDER FROM THE CIVIL RIGHTS ESTABLISHMENT AND ITS LIBERAL SPECIAL INTEREST ALLIES, WHO TALK A GOOD GAME ON FAIRNESS AND COMPASSION BUT ARE OUT TO DESTROY THIS DECENT, DEDICATED AND HIGHLY QUALIFIED BLACK AMERICAN. FRANKLY, IT IS A DISGRACE.

THEY ARE OUT TO GET HIM BECAUSE HE DOESN'T AGREE WITH THEM - ON EVERYTHING. THEY DON'T LIKE IT BECAUSE HE WON'T BE A RUBBER STAMP FOR THEIR AGENDA.

IF ANYONE HAS THE RIGHT STUFF TO DO THE RIGHT JOB AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, IT IS BILL LUCAS: A GOOD MAN, DRIVEN TO MAKE IT IN LIFE WHATEVER THE ODDS, WHATEVER THE OBSTACLES, WHATEVER THE PREJUDICE.

MR. PRESIDENT, I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. AND I URGE THEM TO PLEASE READ A COLUMN IN YESTERDAY'S WASHINGTON POST BY GEORGE WILL.

MR. WILL'S PIECE IS RIGHT ON TARGET. IT CUTS THROUGH THE LIBERAL MEDIA'S LETHAL SPIN ON THIS STORY, IT EXPOSES THE HYPOCRISY SURROUNDING THE ANTI-LUCAS ATTACK, AND BEST OF ALL, MAKES A CLEAR AND CONVINCING CASE WHY BILL LUCAS DESERVES TO BE CONFIRMED, IN COMMITTEE AND ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE.

WE ALREADY KNOW THE MEDIA AND THE LIBERAL ESTABLISHMENT HAVE STABBED BILL LUCAS IN THE BACK; AND WE ALREADY KNOW THAT SOME OF HIS FORMER SUPPORTERS NOW LOOK RIDICULOUS, INCLUDING MY GOOD FRIEND JOHN CONYERS, WHO DUMPED ON BILL LUCAS IN THE PROCESS OF ANNOUNCING THAT HE -- MR. CONYERS -- WOULD BE RUNNING FOR THE MAYOR OF DETROIT.

MR. PRESIDENT, BILL LUCAS IS A PROFILE IN COURAGE. WHAT WE ARE SEEING WITH THE LUCAS NOMINATION IS A PROFILE IN POLITICS.

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