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# A message from Congressman **Trent Franks** on Chief Justice John Roberts

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"Wrapped in these historic moments is a vital opportunity for President George W. Bush to appoint a superior justice who will preserve our nation's constitution for its original meaning and intent as crafted by our founding fathers."

**– Congressman Trent Franks**

For the first time in 11 years there are openings on our Supreme Court, making it one of the longest uninterrupted cycles in history. The Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives oversees the administration and budget of the courts. As a sitting member of that committee and Vice Chairman of the Constitution Subcommittee, I have particular interest in this historic moment for our nation.

I am deeply concerned about protecting the United States Constitution from judicial activism. We are faced with the historic opportunity to reverse the current process. Appointing Judge John G. Roberts is a step in the right direction, and I am working as hard as I can to see that he reaches the bench as our Chief Justice.



Congressman Franks meets with President George W. Bush to discuss the nomination of Judge Roberts.

### **Background on Chief Justice Roberts**

- Bachelor's degree from Harvard University in 1976
- Law degree from Harvard Law School in 1979
- Law clerk for the Hon. Henry Friendly, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 1979-1980
- Law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice William Rehnquist, 1980-1981
- Special assistant to the Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 1981-1982
- Associate counsel to the president, White House Counsel's Office, 1982-1986
- Private Practice Lawyer in Washington, DC, 1986-1989, 1993-2003
- Principal Deputy Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice, 1989-1993