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SENATE CONFIRMS JANICE ROGERS BROWN AFTER TWO YEARS IN LIMBO

On Wednesday, the Senate finally confirmed the nomination of California Supreme Court Justice Janice Rogers Brown to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Democrats delayed the nomination of this highly qualified black woman for two years. Then, they heaped abuse on her for having the audacity to believe in what used to be called the American dream.

Rogers-Brown was confirmed on an almost straight party-line vote of 56 to 43. Republicans solidly supported her. Only one Democrat, Ben Nelson of Nebraska, voted for her.

The debate over her nomination was unbelievable. Some of the most privileged politicians in the nation stood up to vilify the daughter of sharecroppers who worked her way through law school as a telephone operator. Judge Brown "would attempt to impose her own extreme views on people's everyday lives, instead of following the law," Sen. Edward Kennedy charged. (Isn't it ironic, and more than a little revealing, that similar charges were never leveled at Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg – an ACLU lawyer – when her nomination was debated?)

"Janice Rogers Brown is one President Bush's most ideological and extreme nominees," said Illinois Senator Dick Durbin. Translation: She believes that the words of the Constitution mean what the Founding Fathers intended them to mean, and not what some activist judge thinks they should mean.

If you want to know why the left was frantic to defeat this lady, consider her words.

In a scathing dissent to a California Supreme Court ruling which struck down a parental consent law, Rogers-Brown derided her colleagues in the majority as “philosopher kings.” In an opinion on the death penalty, she observed, “murderers do not deserve a fate better than that inflicted on their victims.”

Speaking of the tragedy of public education, Rogers-Brown observed, “The public school system is already so beleaguered by bureaucracy; so cowed by the demands of due process; so overwhelmed with faddish curricula that its educational purpose is almost an afterthought.”

These courageous statements by a jurist of her stature are rare and can be attributed to her vibrant Christian faith, which makes her the liberals’ worst nightmare -- a principled conservative.

Janice Rogers Brown seems almost too sensible to be a federal appeals court judge. But thank God there are still judges who think this way. And thank God we have a president with the courage to appoint such people to the bench and the tenacity to get them confirmed.

POPE CALLS GAY MARRIAGE “ANARCHIC FREEDOM”

When he became Benedict XVI in April, many religious conservatives suspected we had an ally and champion in the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. It didn’t take long to have that instinct confirmed.

Speaking to a group of families at Rome’s St. John Cathedral this week, the pope declared: “Today’s various forms of dissolution of marriage, free unions, trial marriages as well as the pseudo-matrimonies between people of the same sex are instead expressions of anarchic freedom which falsely tries to pass itself off as the true liberation of man.”

How true. By “anarchic freedom” Benedict XVI means supposed rights which destroy individuals, families and communities, as opposed to the authentic freedom which nurtures human development.

The pope also observed that gay marriages were based on what he called the “banalisation of the human body.”

Christianity teaches that sex is more than a physical act, but part of the Divine scheme for humanity. Its purposes include love, companionship and children. Sex finds its highest expression in traditional marriage, where two human beings cooperate with God in creation through procreation. Tragically, the left views sex

as an act divorced from God and values, and, thus, essentially a recreational activity.

Those who demand a “right” to unions specifically forbidden by the Bible are champions not of freedom but of social dissolution.

ACTION ITEM

URGE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION TO TAKE UP SCHOOLS RESOLUTION

As we reported in the last Rick Scarborough Report, there is an effort to present a resolution to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, calling on churches to encourage members to take their children out of the public schools, when their local schools engage in homosexual indoctrination in the guise of sex education or promoting tolerance.

Now, it appears that when the convention meets (June 21-22), the “Resolution On Homosexuality In Public Schools” may not even make it to the floor for debate or a vote.

That would be unfortunate indeed. Whatever messengers decide to do, given the gay indoctrination all too prevalent in our public schools, this is a matter that deserves serious discussion.

Readers of The Rick Scarborough Report are asked to contact The Southern Baptist Convention Resolutions Committee members and urge them to bring the resolution to the floor. Committee member addresses can be found at this link. (http://www.exodusmandate.org/art_20050509-sbc-resolution-contacts.htm)

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