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Transcript:

Governor Christie: I'm proud to stand here today to put forward once again the nomination of an extraordinary well-qualified individual to serve on our state's Supreme Court, Judge David Bauman. Judge Bauman has had a career dedicated to public service and the law, experience that gives him unique perspective and qualification to serve on New Jersey's highest court. There is a reason why the New Jersey State Senate has previously endorsed Judge Bauman unanimously as recently as May of 2015 in his nomination for tenure, lifetime tenure on the New Jersey Superior Court, and their endorsement speaks to the strength of Judge Bauman's extraordinary record of service to the law and to the people of the state. He has served as a judge on the New Jersey Superior Court since July of 2008. In September of 2009 Judge Bauman was named the presiding judge of the Civil Division in Monmouth County. Judge Bauman is the first Asian-American to be appointed to the Superior Court in Monmouth County, and if his nomination is approved, he'll be the first Asian-American to serve on the New Jersey Supreme Court. Nominated to the Superior Court by Governor Jon Corzine on May 5th of 2008, Judge Bauman was unanimously approved by the Judiciary Committee and unanimously approved by the full Senate in 2008. As I just mentioned, I re-nominated Judge Bauman for lifetime tenure on the Superior Court this past spring and he received the unanimous approval of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate as a whole in May of 2015. The regard of the Senate for his qualifications is unquestionable, and he was unquestioned in his Judiciary Committee hearing for lifetime tenure. He gave a two-minute opening statement and he received no questions from the Judiciary Committee prior to their unanimous approval for lifetime tenure on the court. In his time serving on the Superior Court, Judge Bauman has presided in the four primary divisions of the Superior Court: Civil, Criminal, Family, and General Equity. He had 17 years of private-sector legal experience with the law firm of Bressler, Amery & Ross. He specialized in complex civil and commercial litigation as well as criminal law, appearing in the U.S District Courts in New Jersey and New York and the New Jersey state courts

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and various administrative agencies, and he was a partner at Bressler, Amery & Ross for ten years and an associate for seven years prior to that. Perhaps most importantly, Judge Bauman has served his country for four years on active duty with the United States Marine Corps and an additional twelve years as a reservist. On active duty he served as defense counsel, prosecutor, and special counsel with the Naval Investigative Service, trying over 30 jury and bench trials at special and general courts martial. Judge Bauman was awarded various commendations for his service including the Naval Commendation Medal. Judge Bauman received his law degree from Boston College in 1986, and he graduated magna cum laude from Columbia University in 1981. Finally, this nomination continues my commitment to bring diversity to the Court by Judge Bauman being the first Asian-American in New Jersey history to serve on the Supreme Court, while also maintaining the partisan balance on the Court with a full court finally of duly nominated and confirmed justices. His nomination preserves the tradition of partisan balance on the Court. It would bring the Court's makeup to 4 Republicans, 2 Democrats, and 1 independent. Going back to the adoption of the 1947 Constitution, "balance" on the Court has been represented by a governor having no more than 4 members of his own party on the Court, plain and simple. This nomination preserves that tradition, while also finally having a full membership to the Court of justices duly nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the New Jersey State Senate.

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