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A stronger America is also one that's got a good bench, a good federal bench. There was an interesting moment in this campaign. I nominated a fabulous woman, first-rate woman named Pricilla Owen. (Applause.) Top law student out of Baylor, been elected statewide in Texas a couple of times, overwhelmingly once. Had the highest ranking of the ABA, the best rating you could possibly get. I knew she'd be a great judge. Good, solid Texas woman, somebody -- it would be good to have that attitude and her point of view on the bench.

So I sent her nomination up there. It became political. They distorted her record. They didn't give her a fair chance. Shamefully, the Senate turned down her nomination. In so doing, that was not only bad for Texas, it was bad for America, as far as I'm concerned.

It's important for the voters of this state to listen to what was said by the two candidates running for the United States Senate about Pricilla Owen. There's only one candidate in this race that stood up strongly with me and strongly supported the ratification of her nomination, and that candidate was John Cornyn. (Applause.)