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Statement of Gloria Allred

On November 13, 2017, Beverly Young Nelson held a news conference with me in which she alleged that Roy Moore who is a candidate for the U.S. Senate from Alabama had sexually assaulted her when she was 16 years old.

She shared with the press her high school yearbook. She said that Roy Moore had asked her if he could sign it after she laid it on the counter close to where he was sitting at the Olde Hickory Restaurant in Alabama. She stated that she was working as a waitress there when she was 16 years old. She added that she had heard that Mr. Moore was a District Attorney of Etowah County, Alabama and she was thrilled that such an important person would ask to sign her yearbook.

After the press conference the Moore campaign or some of his supporters circulated a number of false statements about Beverly. One false statement was that the restaurant never existed. That assertion was proven false by public records in the library.

Another misleading statement made by Roy Moore was contained in a letter to Sean Hannity in which he alleged that Beverly appeared before him in her divorce.

Court records and Beverly's Alabama divorce attorney, Mr. Ward, indicated that she never appeared before Roy Moore, because no hearing was held in her case and the case was dismissed because the parties reconciled. I have an affidavit from Mr. Ward in support of that fact.

Further, some of Mr. Moore's supporters suggested that Mr. Moore never wrote anything in Beverly's yearbook and that he did not sign it. Some supporters even suggested that the signature in Beverly's yearbook was a forgery.

In order to put this falsehood to rest, we retained a handwriting and document expert to examine what appears to be Mr. Moore's signature and the inscription above it.

Our expert is Arthur T. Anthony. Mr. Anthony is a certified forensic handwriting and document examiner. He has worked for the F.B.I., the Illinois Department of Law Enforcement in the State Crime Laboratory and from 1981 to 2009, he worked for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, State Crime Laboratory where he was Chief Forensic Document Examiner and Manager of Questioned Documents and the Forensic Imaging Section.

He has qualified to testify as an expert in Federal and State court and has testified in many hearings including in Alabama.

Mr. Anthony reviewed a number of documents containing the known standard genuine signature and/or handwriting of Roy Moore for comparison purposes.

He then compared Roy Moore's known standard handwriting and signature to the entry in Beverly's yearbook (Exhibit1) that stated "To a sweeter more beautiful girl I could not say "Merry Christmas" 1977 Love Roy Moore."

He also analyzed Exhibit 2 from another accuser which stated "Happy graduation, Debbie. I wanted to give you this card myself. I know you will be a success in anything you do. Roy."

The expert concluded "that the signature and the handwritten notation above the signature on Exhibits 1 and 2 were prepared by Roy Moore."

We are very happy to be able to announce this important expert opinion regarding Beverly's yearbook.

We think it is important evidence that supports Beverly's statements that Roy Moore asked to sign her yearbook when she was just 16 years old, and it demonstrates that when Roy Moore stated "I do not know any of these women." that statement does not appear to be true, because according to forensic

handwriting and document examiner Arthur T. Anthony, the signature and the handwritten notation above the signature were prepared by Roy Moore.

We did not ask the expert to examine the printing after the cursive writing and signature because Beverly indicates that she added that to remind herself of who Roy Moore was and where and when Mr. Moore signed her yearbook.

The expert's opinion is important evidence which we hope that the voters of Alabama will take into consideration when they vote next Tuesday.

It is time to stop the misleading statements about Beverly who had the courage to tell what she says is the truth about her experience with Roy Moore.

Voters have a right to be represented by someone who tells them the truth rather than someone who denies, and threatens to sue his accusers who allege that they were his victims when they were teenagers.

We look forward to learning if Alabama voters will believe Roy Moore's accusers or if they will ignore the evidence presented to them and instead elect a man who denies the allegations against him and who attacks those who dare to tell what they say is the truth about Roy Moore.

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