

Statement of Nomination

Credentials of M. Zuhdi Jasser

When Muslim terrorists bombed the Boston Marathon in 2013, former U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey, writing in *The Wall Street Journal*, warned that U.S. authorities have been failing utterly to confront the totalitarian ideology arising out of Islam. By contrast, Mr. Mukasey highlighted the rare voices in the private sector who have stepped up to address the threat directly: "There are Muslim organizations in this country, such as the American Islamic Forum for Democracy, headed by Dr. Zuhdi Jasser, that speak out bravely against that totalitarian ideology. They receive no shout-out at presidential speeches; no outreach is extended to them."

Dr. Jasser richly deserves the recognition that our government has not offered. A devout Muslim, a conservative first-generation American, born in Wisconsin to parents who fled the Baathist repression in Syria, Dr. Jasser has become a rare and brave Muslim voice for the reformation of Islam -- speaking out for individual liberty, loyalty to the U.S. Constitution, and separation of Church/Mosque and State. At great personal risk, he has argued this case publicly, often and in depth, including in his 2012 book, "A Battle for the Soul of Islam." For years now, he has dared to name and confront Islamic organizations in America that undermine the principles of liberty.

Trained as a medical doctor -- which is how he earns his living -- Dr. Jasser is a former U.S. Navy medical officer, a patriot fighting on the ideological frontlines to defend American freedom.