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C-SPAN OFFERS SPECIAL ON JUDGE GINSBURG AND CONFIRMATION PROCESS
--Followed by LIVE Gavel-to-Gavel Coverage and Prime Time Re-airs--

Washington, D.C., July 14, 1993--As the Senate Judiciary Committee prepares for the confirmation hearing of Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court of the United States, C-SPAN previews the nominee's career and the confirmation process.

* **Saturday, July 17, from 7:00-9:00 PM (ET)**, C-SPAN's "America and the Courts"- a weekly look at the issues affecting the American judiciary--will focus on Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg as a person and a jurist. The program includes an interview with her son and several career associates including Judge Robert Bork, who worked with her on the federal court of appeals for the D.C. circuit.

* **Sunday, July 18, from 6:30-8:00 PM (ET)**, on the eve of the confirmation hearings, C-SPAN will look at the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, where they stand vis-a-vis confirming Judge Ginsburg, and how the committee and the nominee prepare for the confirmation process.

* **Monday, July 19, from 9:00-10:00 AM (ET)**--"Live Viewer Call-in" will give viewers an opportunity to speak with Capitol Hill staffers involved in previous confirmation hearings about the process, the issues, the personalities.

* **Tuesday, July 20, from 10:00 AM (ET)**--LIVE, Gavel-to-Gavel Coverage of Confirmation Hearing. The hearing will re-air in its entirety at 8:00 PM (ET).

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**C-SPAN OFFERS GAVEL-TO-GAVEL COVERAGE OF
JUDGE RUTH BADER GINSBURG'S CONFIRMATION HEARING**

Washington, D.C., July 19, 1993 -- On Tuesday, July 20, from 10:00 AM (ET) to noon, C-SPAN will carry Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg's confirmation hearing LIVE. Coverage will be interrupted at noon when the House of Representatives begins its daily session. The confirmation hearing will re-air in its entirety at 8:00 PM (ET).

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**C-SPAN PROVIDES PRIME-TIME GAVEL-TO-GAVEL COVERAGE OF
JUDGE RUTH BADER GINSBURG'S CONFIRMATION HEARINGS**

--Coverage Begins LIVE at 10:00 AM (ET)--

Washington, D.C., July 19, 1993 -- On Tuesday, July 20, from 10:00 AM (ET) to 12:00 PM (ET), C-SPAN will provide LIVE coverage of the Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation hearing of Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court. This hearing takes place in Room 216 of the Senate Hart Office Building on Capitol Hill.

On Tuesday, live coverage of the hearing will be pre-empted at noon by the legislative session of the U.S. House of Representatives, however, the Ginsburg confirmation hearing will re-air in its entirety at 8:00 PM (ET) /5:00 PM (PT).

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C-SPAN KICKS OFF 93-94 SCHOOL YEAR WITH
NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

--Weekly Series Designed for High-School and College Classroom Use--

Washington, D.C., July 19, 1993--C-SPAN will kick off the 1993-94 school year with "C-SPAN Classroom," a new, weekly education series designed to give students an overview of how the U.S. government works. The launch coincides with the new school year: **Sunday, September 5 at 5:00 PM (ET) on C-SPAN 2 and Monday, September 6 at 6:30 AM (ET) on C-SPAN.** The program is 15-minutes long and will air weekly on both networks in the same Sunday and Monday time slot.

The "C-SPAN Classroom" vignette has three segments:

- * a look at one facet of the U.S. government;
- * tips from educators on C-SPAN's classroom uses;
- * upcoming programming highlights.

The help of local cable systems will be enlisted in taping teacher testimonials from around the country.

The major themes for Fall focus on the three branches of government which C-SPAN covers, and the Constitution:

- * **September: Legislative Branch;**
- * **October: Judicial Branch;**
- * **November: Executive Branch;**
- * **December: The U.S. Constitution.**

As with all other C-SPAN programming, "C-SPAN Classroom" may be taped by any degree-granting educational institution as long as it is for classroom use and not for commercial or political purposes. Tapes may be kept indefinitely.

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WETA TO BROADCAST CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

Tuesday , July 20 through Thursday, July 22 (possible continuation)

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (times approximate)

Starting Tuesday, WETA will broadcast day-long coverage of the Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings on the nomination of Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the U.S. Supreme Court. Coverage will continue through Thursday, or Friday if an additional day of hearings is needed.

If and when lunch breaks occur during the hearings, WETA-TV will temporarily join its regular programming in progress.

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**EXCERPTS OF TESTIMONY BY JUDGE RUTH BADER GINSBURG
BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1993**

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Judge Ginsburg: Laughs.

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