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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The announcement by Congressman John Jarman, of Oklahoma, that he is changing his political party affiliation from the Democratic to the Republican Party reflects the sincere conviction of a dedicated Member of Congress.

I have known John Jarman throughout his 24 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives.

His career has been marked by a devotion to his District, and dedication to reflecting accurately the views of those people he represents.

John and I have discussed his becoming a Republican during recent days, and he has indicated his belief that he can better represent and serve his District under the banner of the Republican Party.

As President, I look forward to working with John during the 94th Congress. His experience, integrity and long seniority will be of great benefit to the Administration and the GOP Congressional delegation.

As a Republican, I am delighted that John is changing his party affiliation and welcome him to the ranks of the GOP on behalf of all Republicans.

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