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A Big Media Circus of his Own Making

Donald gets trumped

BY JUDGE GREG MATHIS

After weeks of allegations, led by Donald Trump, that he was not born in the U.S. and, as a result, not legally able to serve in the nation's highest office, President Obama released his long term birth certificate to the public.

According to the official document, the President was born in the U.S., Hawaii to be exact, and not in Kenya or Indonesia, as his critics would have you believe.

Fringe groups have been alleging that Obama wasn't born in the U.S. since he announced his run

for the presidency three years ago.

At the time, he submitted an

official record of birth, a document most states give to anyone seeking a copy of their birth certificate, as proof of his citizenship.

But the birthers—those who maintain Obama was not born in the U.S. - didn't accept that document; they wanted to see his original birth certificate.

The President, who chose to rise above the foolishness, said it was finally time to dispel the rumors because the media was giving more attention to this non-controversy than it was to important national issues, such as the



economy and public safety.

When Obama released the document, he pointedly compared those who were making an issue out of where he was born to side shows and carnival barkers...and he was right; that is exactly what Trump has become.

No one outside of the fringe is taking Trump seriously as a presidential candidate. Instead, people tune in to see what shocking thing he'll say next. Americans aren't looking to Trump to leadership—they are looking to him for laughs.

Now, Trump wants to see the President's school transcripts, saying he doesn't know how the President, who admitted to not being the most studious youngster, was accepted into Harvard Law. Trump maintains the President got into

Harvard because of affirmative action.

We don't know how Obama got into Harvard Law...but he did. And he went on to edit the Harvard Law Review at the end of his first year and became president of the journal in his second year. Even if affirmative action opened the doors of Harvard to Obama, he made the most of the opportunity given to him and excelled. And that is all that matters.

The President should not bow to these latest demands...he should treat Trump like the clown he is: trapped in a big media circus of his own making.

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