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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On May 26, 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Judge Sonia Sotomayor of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to serve as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and

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WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has demonstrated excellent vision in nominating a Hispanic with such deep experience to the United States Supreme Court; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Sotomayor's upbringing serves as an inspiration to all, with a life story that includes being raised by a single mother from Puerto Rico in public housing in Bronx, New York; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Sotomayor attended Princeton University and graduated summa cum laude; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Sotomayor graduated from Yale Law School, where she served as editor of the Yale Law Journal; and

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WHEREAS, In 1978, Judge Sotomayor served as Assistant District Attorney in New York, fearlessly and effectively prosecuting dozens of criminal cases; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 1984, Judge Sotomayor served as a partner in a
2 prestigious law firm in New York, primarily representing
3 prominent corporations engaged in international business; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1992, Judge Sotomayor was appointed by
5 President George H.W. Bush to serve on the United States
6 District Court for the Southern District of New York; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1998, Judge Sotomayor was appointed by
8 President Bill Clinton to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals
9 for the Second Circuit, the first Hispanic to serve on the
10 Second Circuit, one of the most demanding circuits in the
11 nation; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Sotomayor has more federal judicial
13 experience than any nominee in the last 100 years; and

14 WHEREAS, If confirmed, Judge Sotomayor's ascension to the
15 United States Supreme Court would represent a monumental step
16 for America and a better reflection of our national diversity,
17 as she would be the first Hispanic and only the third woman in
18 history to serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court; therefore,
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Judge

1 Sotomayor for this incredible honor and thank her for serving
2 as a role model to all Americans, but particularly women and
3 Latinas; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we congratulate our President and former
5 colleague Barack Obama for his wisdom in selecting Judge
6 Sotomayor; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we call upon the United States Senate to
8 confirm Judge Sotomayor after full and fair consideration of
9 her long and distinguished career, consistent with the Senate's
10 constitutional obligation to fully and properly review all
11 judicial nominees submitted by the President of the United
12 States; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 presented to Judge Sonia Sotomayor and all members of the
15 United States Senate.