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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
7 represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, On May 9, 2001, President Bush nominated Miguel A. Estrada  
9 to fill a vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the  
10 District of Columbia Circuit; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada's credentials go uncontested beginning with  
12 his mastery of the English language and American culture upon his  
13 arrival to the United States as an immigrant from Honduras and his  
14 graduation magna cum laude from Columbia University and Harvard Law  
15 School, where Mr. Estrada was an editor of the Harvard Law Review; and

16 WHEREAS, From 1990 to 1992, Mr. Estrada served as an Assistant  
17 United States Attorney and Deputy Chief of the Appellate Section in the  
18 Southern District of New York; and

19 WHEREAS, In late 1992, Mr. Estrada joined the United States  
20 Department of Justice as an Assistant to the Solicitor General; and

1       WHEREAS, In those capacities, Mr. Estrada represented the  
2 government in numerous jury trials and in many appeals before the  
3 United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and

4       WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada was unanimously rated "well qualified" by the  
5 American Bar Association; and

6       WHEREAS, Over a year-and-a-half has passed without a vote on the  
7 Senate floor; and

8       WHEREAS, The Senate Judiciary Committee has issued a favorable  
9 report to the United States Senate; and

10       WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada has received support from liberal and  
11 conservative colleagues alike who attest that he is one of the most  
12 brilliant and effective appellate lawyers in the country; and

13       WHEREAS, Organizations who support Mr. Estrada include the League  
14 of United Latin American Citizens, United States Hispanic Chamber of  
15 Commerce, Hispanic National Bar Association, Hispanic Business  
16 Roundtable, and The Latino Coalition; and

17       WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada would be the first Hispanic in the country to  
18 sit on the United States Court of Appeals District of Columbia Circuit,  
19 an important and prestigious position within the nation's Court of  
20 Appeals;

21       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United  
22 States Senate confirm Mr. Estrada to serve as a judge on the United  
23 States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

24       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
25 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
26 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
27 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
28 Washington.

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