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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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

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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada's credentials go uncontested beginning with his
27 mastery of the English language and American culture upon his arrival to the
28 United States as an immigrant from Honduras, his graduation magna cum laude
29 from Columbia University, and his graduation from Harvard Law School; and

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31 WHEREAS, over a year and a half has passed without a vote on the Senate
32 floor regarding the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Senate Judiciary committee has issued a favorable report
35 to the United States Senate, yet because of partisan politics, Democratic
36 Senators threaten to filibuster a Senate floor vote; and



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

WHEREAS, organizations that support Mr. Estrada include the League of Latin American Citizens, the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic National Bar Association, Hispanic Business Roundtable, and The Latino Coalition; and

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

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate of the State of Arkansas requests that our Senators in the United States Congress work to allow a vote on the floor of the United States Senate on the appointment of Miguel Estrada to the United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the Arkansas Senate shall transmit copies to each of our United States Senators and the presiding officer of the United States Senate.