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HNBA Urges Appointment of Hispanic Supreme Court Justice

(Washington, DC—September 5, 2005)—The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) strongly urges President George W. Bush to appoint a qualified Hispanic to the U.S. Supreme Court to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

On June 6, 2005, the HNBA presented President Bush with a list of eight Hispanic candidates for appointment to the Supreme Court.

The HNBA list of candidates includes; the Honorable Jose A. Cabranes, the Honorable Julio M. Fuentes, the Honorable Emilio M. Garza, the Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales, the Honorable Victor Marrero, the Honorable Carlos R. Moreno, the Honorable Federico A. Moreno, and the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor.

“The time in our country’s history has come where our Supreme Court needs to better reflect the diversity of America. President Bush bypassed the estimated 41.3 million Hispanic Americans with the nomination of Judge John Roberts, but the President again has an opportunity to appoint the first Hispanic American to the Supreme Court,” said HNBA President Alan Varela. “The candidates we have presented are there not merely because they are Hispanic, but because their character and credentials make them exceedingly well-qualified to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court. We will continue to work with the President, the Senate Judiciary Committee and others for such appointment.”

The HNBA is a non-profit, national association that represents the interests of over 27,000 Hispanic American attorneys, judges, law professors, law students and legal professionals. Its continuing mission is: To improve the study, practice and administration of justice for all Americans by ensuring the meaningful participation of Hispanic American legal professionals.

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