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**HNBA PAST PRESIDENTS SUPPORT SENATE CONFIRMATION OF
JUDGE SONIA M. SOTOMAYOR TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT**

Washington, D.C. -- Ramona E. Romero, National President of the Hispanic National Bar Association (“HNBA”), announced today that **all past presidents** of the HNBA have signed a statement in support of the fair and expeditious confirmation of Judge Sonia M. Sotomayor to serve as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. “Judge Sotomayor’s nomination is the culmination of the work of these visionary leaders who have devoted their lives to diversity in the legal profession,” said President Romero. She added, “President Barack H. Obama’s nomination of Judge Sotomayor strongly reinforces the HNBA’s longstanding commitment to equal justice under the law for all Americans.” Carlos Ortiz, one of HNBA’s longtime advocates, and Co-Chair of its Supreme Court Committee added, “this impressive group of diverse leaders has proven that with unity and strength of purpose, everything is possible—even realizing a supreme dream.”

For decades, the HNBA has led the national effort to have a Hispanic American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The HNBA’s governing boards and past presidents have included Democrats, Republicans and Independents, leaders in different areas of the practice of law, from all parts of the country and from all Hispanic backgrounds. It is illustrative of the unprecedented unanimity of support for Judge Sotomayor that **all** living past presidents of the HNBA starting with Mario Obledo, who founded the organization in 1972, signed this statement.

To read the statement, visit the HNBA website at www.hnba.com.

The HNBA is an incorporated, not-for-profit, national membership association that represents the interests of the more than 100,000 attorneys, judges, law professors, legal assistants, and law students of Hispanic descent in the United States, its territories and Puerto Rico. For more information about the HNBA, please visit www.hnba.com

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