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**HNBA CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT OBAMA FOR NOMINATING JUDGE SONIA SOTOMAYOR
TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

Washington, D.C. – The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) congratulates President Barack H. Obama on his decision to nominate Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court of the United States. “President Obama has nominated a jurist who is extraordinarily well-prepared to serve the American people on the Supreme Court,” said HNBA National President Ramona E. Romero. “Judge Sotomayor’s stellar academic credentials, extraordinary intellect, and her broad legal experience as a prosecutor, corporate attorney, and judge on the federal trial and appellate courts make her an excellent choice,” Romero continued. “The historic nature of her nomination, the fact that she happens to be a Latina, and her compelling personal story are just icing on the cake,” said President Romero. “Judge Sotomayor has clearly earned her seat at the Supreme Court’s conference table.”

Judge Sotomayor is a respected jurist on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, where she has served since 1998, and was originally nominated to the federal trial bench by President George H.W. Bush in 1992. She represents the very best of our country and its promise to its people. Judge Sotomayor grew up in a working-class family in New York City. Through hard work, she earned admittance and a scholarship to Princeton University, where she obtained her undergraduate degree with the highest honors, and Yale Law School where she earned her law degree and was the editor of the law review. During most of her career, Judge Sotomayor has chosen to forego the earnings of the private sector in order to serve the American public, first as a prosecutor and then as a federal judge. In all settings, Judge Sotomayor has demonstrated a commitment to excellence, intelligence, and integrity.

We urge the U.S. Senate to proceed with the confirmation process in a fair and timely manner. We anticipate that Senators from both parties will treat Judge Sotomayor with the respect she deserves, examine her record thoughtfully, and perform their constitutional duty to advice and consent expeditiously and without obstruction.

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