

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 51

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A Resolution supporting the nomination of federal  
court of appeals judicial nominee Miguel A. Estrada.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada's credentials go uncontested;  
upon his arrival to the United States as an immigrant  
from Honduras, he mastered the English language and  
embraced American culture, and graduated magna cum  
laude from Columbia University and Harvard Law School;  
and

WHEREAS, more than one and one-half years have  
passed without a vote on the Senate floor regarding  
Mr. Estrada's nomination; and

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

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 who support Mr. Estrada  
include the League of United Latin American Citizens,  
U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic National  
Bar Association, Hispanic Business Roundtable, and the  
Latino Coalition; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada would be the first Hispanic in  
2 the country to sit on the United States Court of  
3 Appeals District of Columbia Circuit, an important and  
4 prestigious position within the nation's Courts of  
5 Appeals; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
7 That the House of Representatives of the State of Iowa  
8 requests that the United States Senate work to allow a  
9 vote on the appointment of Mr. Estrada on the floor of  
10 the United States Senate.

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