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1                   SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28  
2       BY McKIBBEN, LARSON, BOETTGER, SIEVERS, REDFERN,  
3       VEENSTRA, WIECK, JOHNSON, PUTNEY, BRUNKHORST, ANGELO,  
4       McKINLEY, HOSCH, KETTERING, SEYMOUR, BEHN, LAMBERTI,  
5       SHULL, GASKILL, KRAMER, DRAKE, HOUSER, REHBERG,  
6       SCHUERER, TINSMAN, IVERSON, ZIEMAN, LUNDBY, and MILLER  
7       A Senate Resolution supporting the nomination of  
8       federal court of appeals judicial nominee Miguel  
9       A. Estrada.

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada would be the first Hispanic in  
7 the country to sit on the United States Court of  
8 Appeals District of Columbia Circuit, an important and  
9 prestigious position within the nation's Courts of  
10 Appeals; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate of  
12 the State of Iowa requests that the United States  
13 Senate work to allow a vote on the appointment of Mr.  
14 Estrada on the floor of the United States Senate.

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