

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3077
(Representatives Belter, Berg, Carlson)
(Senators Freborg, Nething, Stenehjem)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Senators for the state of North Dakota to support the floor vote and nomination of judicial nominee Miguel Estrada.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada's credentials are uncontested, beginning with his mastery of the English language and American culture upon his arrival to the United States as an immigrant from Honduras, and his graduation magna cum laude from Columbia University and Harvard Law School; 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; United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Hispanic National Bar Association; Hispanic Business Roundtable; and the Latino Coalition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada would be the first Hispanic in the country to sit on the United States Court of Appeals District of Columbia Circuit, an important and prestigious position within the nations' Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, after the Senate Judiciary Committee issued a favorable report to the United States Senate, over a year-and-a-half has passed without a vote on the Senate floor because of partisan politics, including a filibuster by Democratic Senators;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Senators for the State of North Dakota to support the floor vote and nomination of the judicial nominee Miguel Estrada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the United States Senators for the state of North Dakota.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State