

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3077

Introduced by

Representatives Belter, Berg, Carlson

Senators Freborg, Nething, Stenehjem

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

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

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

5 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Estrada's credentials are uncontested, beginning with his mastery of
6 the English language and American culture upon his arrival to the United States as an
7 immigrant from Honduras, and his graduation magna cum laude from Columbia University and
8 Harvard Law School; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Estrada has received support from liberal and conservative colleagues
10 alike who attest that he is one of the most brilliant and effective appellate lawyers in the country;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, organizations who support Mr. Estrada include the League of United Latin
13 American Citizens; United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Hispanic National Bar
14 Association; Hispanic Business Roundtable; and the Latino Coalition; and

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

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

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

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

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