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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SENATORS REPRESENTING NEW MEXICO
TO SUPPORT A SENATE FLOOR VOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF MIGUEL
ESTRADA TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS.

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 are uncontested,
beginning with his mastery of the English language and American
culture upon his arrival in 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

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1   most brilliant and effective appellate lawyers in the nation;

2   and

3   WHEREAS, organizations that support Mr. Estrada include

4   the league of united Latin American citizens; the United States

5   chamber of commerce; the Hispanic national bar association; the

6   Hispanic business roundtable and the Latino coalition; and

7   WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada would be the first Hispanic to sit on

8   the United States court of appeals for the District of Columbia

9   circuit, an important and prestigious position within the

10   federal courts of appeals; and

11   WHEREAS, over one and one-half years have passed since Mr.

12   Estrada's nomination without a vote on the United States senate

13   floor; and

14   WHEREAS, the United States senate judiciary committee has

15   issued a favorable report to the senate but because of partisan

16   politics democratic senators threaten to filibuster a senate

17   floor vote;

18   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

19   STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Honorable Pete Domenici and the

20   Honorable Jeff Bingaman be requested to work to allow a vote on

21   the floor of the United States senate on the appointment of

22   Miguel Estrada to the United States court of appeals for the

23   District of Columbia Circuit; and

24   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

25   transmitted to the Honorable Pete Domenici and the Honorable

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1   Jeff Bingaman.

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