

## House Resolution 564

By: Representatives Smith of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Casas of the 68<sup>th</sup>, Harbin of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Westmoreland of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Burkhalter of the 36<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Senate to confirm the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada to the  
2 United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and for other purposes.

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

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

9 WHEREAS, the Senate Judiciary Committee has issued a favorable report to the United  
10 States Senate; yet, over a year and a half has passed without a vote on the Senate floor on the  
11 nomination of Mr. Estrada; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada has received support from liberal and conservative colleagues alike  
13 who attest that he is one of the most brilliant and effective appellate lawyers in the country;  
14 including the League of United Latin American Citizens, the United States Hispanic  
15 Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic National Bar Association, the Hispanic Business  
16 Roundtable, and the Latino Coalition; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada would be the first Hispanic in the country to sit on the United States  
18 Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, an important and prestigious position  
19 within the nation's courts of appeal.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 this body urges the United States Senate to confirm the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada to  
22 serve as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President George W. Bush
- 3 and each member of the Georgia congressional delegation.