

## Senate Resolution 265

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Price of the 56th, Smith of the 52nd, Thomas of the 54th, Hudgens of the 47th and others

**ADOPTED SENATE**

## 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 Mr. Estrada was an editor of the Harvard Law Review; and

9 WHEREAS, from 1990 to 1992, Mr. Estrada served as an Assistant United States Attorney  
10 and deputy chief of the appellate section in the Office of the United States Attorney for the  
11 Southern District of New York; and

12 WHEREAS, in late 1992, Mr. Estrada joined the United States Justice Department as an  
13 assistant to the Solicitor General; and

14 WHEREAS, in those capacities, Mr. Estrada represented the government in numerous jury  
15 trials and in many appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada was unanimously rated "well-qualified" by the American Bar  
18 Association; and

19 WHEREAS, the Senate Judiciary Committee has issued a favorable report to the United  
20 States Senate; and

1 WHEREAS, over a year and a half has passed without a vote on the Senate floor on the  
2 nomination of Mr. Estrada; and

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

6 WHEREAS, organizations which support Mr. Estrada include the League of United Latin  
7 American Citizens, the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic National  
8 Bar Association, the Hispanic Business Roundtable, and the Latino Coalition; and

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

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
13 urge the United States Senate to confirm the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada to serve as a  
14 judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
16 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution and a copy of the vote of the Senate  
17 indicating the individual vote of each Senator to President George W. Bush and each  
18 member of the Georgia congressional delegation.