

State of South Dakota

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Introduced by: Senators Bogue, Abdallah, Apa, Brown, de Hueck, Dempster, Diedrich (Larry), Duenwald, Duniphan, Earley, Greenfield, Ham, Jaspers, Kelly, Kleven, Knudson, Kooistra, Koskan, LaPointe, McCracken, Napoli, Olson (Ed), Schoenbeck, Sutton (Duane), and Vitter

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the United States Senators of the State of
2 South Dakota to support the floor vote and nomination of judicial nominee Miguel Estrada.

3 WHEREAS, on May 9, 2001, President Bush nominated Miguel A. Estrada to fill a vacancy
4 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; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada would be the first Hispanic in the country to sit on the United



1 States Court of Appeals District of Columbia Circuit - an important and prestigious position
2 within the nation's Court of Appeals; and

3 WHEREAS, over a year-and-a-half has passed without a vote on the Senate floor. The
4 Senate Judiciary Committee has issued a favorable report to the United States Senate yet because
5 of partisan politics Democratic Senators threaten to filibuster a Senate floor vote:

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-eighth Legislature
7 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the
8 Legislature of the State of South Dakota requests our United States Senators in the United
9 States Congress work to allow a vote on the floor of the United States Senate on the
10 appointment of Miguel Estrada.