SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6–COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS

MARCH 11, 2003

Referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations

SUMMARY—Requests Congress to vote on appointment of Miguel A. Estrada to United States Court of Appeals. (BDR R-1291)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Requesting Congress to vote on the appointment of Miguel A. 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 go uncontested beginning with his mastery of the English language and American culture following his arrival in the United States as an immigrant from Honduras, and including his graduation magna cum laude from Columbia University and Harvard Law School; and

WHEREAS, Over a year-and-a-half has passed without a vote on the floor of the United States Senate on Mr. Estrada's nomination; and

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

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



WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada would be the first Hispanic in the country to sit on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, an important and prestigious position within the nation's Courts of Appeals; now, therefore, be it

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13 14 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada respectfully requests our United States Senators in the United States Congress to allow a floor vote of the United States Senate on the appointment of Miguel Estrada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to John Ensign and Harry Reid, Nevada's United States Senators; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.



