

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE CAPITAL CITY
SAN JUAN BAPTIST¹**

**RESOLUTION NO. 141
SERIES 2008-2009
(Bill of Resolution No. 156, Series 2008-2009)**

APPROVED:

MAY 29, 2009

RESOLUTION

**OF THE MUNICIPAL LEGISLATURE OF SAN JUAN, IN
REPRESENTATION OF ITS CITIZENS, TO RECOGNIZE AND
TO CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE SONIA
SOTOMAYOR, APPEALS COURT JUDGE, WHO WAS
CHOSEN BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO FILL THE
U.S. SUPREME COURT SEAT BEING VACATED BY
LIBERAL JUSTICE DAVID SOUTER; AND FOR OTHER
AIMS.**

WHEREAS: Sonia Sotomayor, born June 25, 1954, is a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. On May 26, 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Judge Sotomayor for appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court to replace retiring Justice David Souter;

WHEREAS: Sotomayor is of Puerto Rican descent, and was born in The Bronx. Her father died when she was nine (9) years old, and she was raised by her mother;

WHEREAS: Sotomayor graduated with an A.B., *summa cum laude*, from Princeton in 1976, and received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1979, where she was an editor at the Yale Law Journal. She worked as an Assistant District Attorney in New York for a time before entering private practice in 1984. Sotomayor was nominated to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York by President George H. W. Bush in 1991 and confirmed in 1992;

WHEREAS: Sotomayor has ruled on several high profile cases. In 1995, she issued the preliminary injunction against Major League Baseball which ended the 1994 Baseball Strike. Sotomayor made a ruling allowing the *Wall Street Journal* to publish Vince Foster's suicide note. In 1997, she was nominated by Bill Clinton to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. After more than a year, she was confirmed and joined the court in 1998. Sotomayor was an Adjunct Professor at New York University School of Law from 1998 to 2007 and has been a lecturer-in-law at Columbia Law School since 1999;

¹ Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

WHEREAS: Prior to her selection by Obama, Sotomayor was considered a strong potential Supreme Court candidate. In 2005, Senate Democrats suggested Sotomayor as a nominee to George W. Bush, who eventually selected Samuel A. Alito, Jr. If confirmed, she would be the court's first Hispanic Justice. She would be the third woman to serve on the court; the first two were now-retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and current Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg;

WHEREAS: Each of us carries through life a unique set of experiences. Sotomayor's happen to be the experiences of a brilliant, high-powered Latina -- a *Nuyorican* who was raised in the projects of the Bronx, graduated *summa cum laude* from Princeton, edited the Yale Law Journal, worked as a Manhattan prosecutor and a corporate lawyer, and served for 17 years as a federal trial and appellate judge;

WHEREAS: Given that kind of sterling *resume* and given that she has, according to presidential adviser David Axelrod, more experience on the federal bench than any Supreme Court nominee in at least 100 years;

WHEREAS: Judge Sonia Sotomayor, is a proud and accomplished Latina;

WHEREAS: The members of the San Juan Municipal Legislature feel compelled to acknowledge and congratulate the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, who was chosen by President Barack Obama to fill the U.S. Supreme Court seat being vacated by liberal Justice David Souter.

WHEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL LEGISLATURE OF SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO:

Section 1st: The members of the San Juan Municipal Legislature feel compelled to acknowledge and congratulate the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, who was chosen by President Barack Obama to fill the U.S. Supreme Court seat being vacated by liberal Justice David Souter.

Section 2nd: The members of the San Juan Municipal Legislature respectfully recommends to the Senate Judiciary Committee the confirmation of the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor for a seat on the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

Section 3rd: Copy of this Resolution will be prepared, in parchment form, and hastened its delivery to the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, Supreme Court nominee; and a single copy its delivery to the Senate Majority Leader, the Honorable Harry Reid (Nev.); to the Minority Leader, the Honorable Mitch McConnell (Ky.); to the Judiciary Committee Chairman, the Honorable Patrick Leahy (Vt.); to the Ranking Member, The Honorable Jeff Sessions (Ala.); and to the rest of the members of the Judiciary Committee.

Section 4th: This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its approval.

Elba A. Vallés Pérez
President

I, CARMEN M. QUIÑONES, SECRETARY OF THE MUNICIPAL LEGISLATURE OF SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO:

CERTIFY: that the previous text is an original of the bill of Resolution Number 156, Series 2008-2009, approved by the Municipal Legislature of San Juan, in its Ordinary Session, dated the 29th day of May, 2009; with the affirmative votes of members of the Municipal Legislature; Mrs.

Sara de la Vega Ramos, Linda A. Gregory Santiago, Isis Sánchez Longo, Migdalia Viera Torres; and Messrs. Roberto Acevedo Borrero, José A. Berlingeri Bonilla, Diego G. García Cruz, Angel L. González Esperón, Rafael R. Luzardo Mejías, Roberto D. Martínez Suárez, Manuel E. Mena Berdecía, Ramón Miranda Marzán, Víctor Parés Otero, Marco A. Rigau Jiménez, Angel Noel Rivera Rodríguez, Hiram J. Torres Montalvo; and the President, Mrs. Elba A. Vallés Pérez.

I ALSO CERTIFY, that all the members of the Municipal Legislature were adequately requested to attend this Session, in accordance with legal requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and for the proper proceedings, I hereby issue this Certificate, and the Seal of the Municipality of San Juan, Puerto Rico is hereto affixed in the three pages of this Resolution the 1st day of June, 2009.

Carmen M. Quiñones
Secretary
Municipal Legislature of San Juan