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**MONROE COUNTY LATINOS APPLAUD NOMINATION OF SOTOMAYOR TO U.S. SUPREME COURT**

The Latino Task Force of Monroe County (LTF) applauds the decision by President Barack Obama to nominate Federal Judge Sonia Sotomayor to fill the seat of Supreme Court Justice David Souter, who will be retiring at the end of his term later this year.

Judge Sotomayor's pending historic appointment as the Supreme Court's 111th justice will make her the first Hispanic American ever to serve on this nation's highest court.

"Judge Sotomayor is an accomplished woman of Puerto Rican descent who through intellect and perseverance lifted herself from modest beginnings to the Ivy Leagues," said Dagmaris Cabezas, president of the Latino Task Force of Monroe County speaking on behalf of its members. "Judge Sotomayor's achievements serve as a beacon of hope for all Americans, for all women, and for Latino youth in particular."

Judge Sotomayor grew up in a New York City housing project in the South Bronx. She was raised by her widowed mother after her father died when she was nine years old. She earned a B.A. from Princeton University, summa cum laude, and obtained her J.D. from Yale Law School where she was editor of the Yale Law Journal.

She was first nominated by President George H. W. Bush to fill the seat vacated by John M. Walker, Jr. on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and in 1997 by President Bill Clinton to the federal court seat she holds today.

"Her nomination recognizes that the highest court of our country acts in the best interest of all Americans when it embraces the diverse cultures and experiences that comprise the legacy of our Nation," noted attorney Aristides Sepulveda, co-chair of the LTF Civic Affairs Committee.

The Latino Task Force (LTF) of Monroe County is a nonpartisan community organization created to advance the contributions of the Latino community in Monroe County Pennsylvania through civic activities that include educational forums, media outreach, voter education and registration, and heritage events. For information visit [www.latinotaskforceofmonroecounty.org](http://www.latinotaskforceofmonroecounty.org),

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