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**Slaughter Hails Judge    Sotomayor As “Historic” Pick for Supreme Court**

**Washington, DC** – Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, today hailed President Obama’s nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court. Sotomayor, who is Puerto Rican and was raised in public housing in the Bronx, would be the third woman named to the court and the first Hispanic.

**“Judge Sotomayor is an inspired choice for this crucial opening on the court and I strongly support her nomination,”** said Slaughter. **“Judge Sotomayor has a long and distinguished career as a prosecutor, a judge and an attorney in private practice and I believe she will make an outstanding contribution to the Supreme Court. It’s important that the court reflect the diversity of our nation and selecting a woman for the opening shows that the White House understands this. Sotomayor was appointed to the District Court by President George H.W. Bush and to the Second Circuit by President Clinton and has a personal story that is both inspiring and historic.”**

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