
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 19, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the confirmation of the Honorable Nitza I. Quiñones
2 Alejandro and congratulating her on becoming the first Latin-
3 American Federal judge on the United States District Court
4 for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, On June 13, 2013, the United States Senate voted to
6 confirm the Honorable Nitza I. Quiñones Alejandro to the United
7 States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Alejandro was nominated by President Barack
10 Obama on January 4, 2013, to a seat vacated by Richard Barclay
11 Surrick; and

12 WHEREAS, When speaking at a reception at the White House,
13 President Obama congratulated Ms. Alejandro on her confirmation
14 by the Senate; and

15 WHEREAS, On the floor of the Senate, Senator Bob Casey said
16 Nitza I. Alejandro is "a great American story," noting that she
17 had been born and educated in Puerto Rico; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Alejandro was born in 1951 in Hato Rey, Puerto
2 Rico; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Alejandro earned a bachelor of Business
4 Administration degree and a law degree from the University of
5 Puerto Rico; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Alejandro worked with Community Legal Services
7 in Philadelphia from 1975 to 1977, was an adviser for the United
8 States Department of Health and Human Services from 1977 to 1979
9 and was a staff attorney for what is now the United States
10 Department of Veterans Affairs from 1979 to 1991; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Alejandro was nominated by Governor Robert P.
12 Casey to a vacancy on the Philadelphia County Court of Common
13 Pleas in 1991 and was then elected to two ten-year terms; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2012, during a hearing, Ms. Alejandro stated that
15 the most important quality for a judge to possess is integrity;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, As an individual who possesses qualities such as
18 being a good listener, having patience and fairness, being
19 impartial, courteous, reasonable, ethical and decisive, Nitza I.
20 Quiñones Alejandro will serve as a highly qualified
21 representative of the Latin-American community to this great
22 nation; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the
24 confirmation of the Honorable Nitza I. Quiñones Alejandro to the
25 United States District Court for the Eastern District of
26 Pennsylvania and congratulate her on being the first Latin-
27 American to do so.