

**2009-2010 ALA TRIBUTE #2  
2010 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING**

Resolution Congratulating  
Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court

- Whereas, Sonia Sotomayor was sworn in as Associate Justice of the United State Supreme Court on August 8, 2009, by Chief Justice John Roberts, she became the first Hispanic and the third woman to serve on the nation's highest court; and
- Whereas, We celebrate the experience she brings to this judicial body, from a childhood in the Bronx to thirty years of legal expertise; and
- Whereas, This achievement mirrors the very American values of steadfast personal integrity, unwavering commitment to professional excellence, and a belief in equal representation under the law; and
- Whereas, This appointment validates to all Americans that our singular system of governance recognizes the contributions made by Sonia Sotomayor to American jurisprudence; and
- Whereas, Given that this accomplishment is significant to women and all under-represented groups; and
- Whereas, Librarians continue to seek equitable representation within the profession, challenge inequality, and advocate for groups often unheard in the formal halls of power; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):
- I. Sends congratulations to Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the United States Supreme Court, and encourages her continued dedication to the ideals herein.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Tuesday, January 19, 2010  
In Boston, Massachusetts



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