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### **The Honorable Consuelo Callahan**

Judge Callahan was nominated last year by President Bush to the United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. The following are the remarks of Senator Diane Feinstein in support of the President’s nomination of Judge Callahan made shortly before she was unanimously confirmed last year by the United States Senate:

“I am please to support Justice Consuelo Callahan, a nominee for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Justice Callahan currently serves in the California state court system as an appellate judge on the Third District Court of Appeal, which is located in Sacramento. Justice Callahan has strong roots in California. She was born in Palo Alto and grew up in the Bay Area. For college, she attended Stanford University, where she graduated with Honors. She then attended the University of the Pacific McGeorge School Law.

After law school, Justice Callahan embarked on a career as a government lawyer. She first worked as a City Attorney for the City of Stockton and then joined the San Joaquin District Attorney’s Office as a Deputy District Attorney. In the District Attorney’s office, Justice Callahan established the office’s first child abuse and sexual assault unit. She also personally handled over 50 jury trials during her tenure as a prosecutor.

In 1986, Justice Callahan became a Commissioner of the Stockton Municipal Court. Six years later, she was appointed to the San Joaquin Superior Court where she became the first Hispanic woman to serve on that bench. In 1996, Justice Callahan was elevated to the State Court of Appeal. Upon her appointment, she became the first judge from San Joaquin County to serve on the Third District Court of Appeals in 73 years.

Justice Callahan comes to this nomination with the strong support of her colleagues in the Sacramento area legal community. Notably, all 10 justices who serve with Justice Callahan on the Third Appellate District have written in support of her nomination. The justices write that *“during her more than six years on our court, Connie has shown that she has the integrity, capacity, collegiality and diligence to serve with distinction on the Ninth Circuit.”*

Justice Callahan is clearly a well-qualified candidate for the Ninth Circuit, and I am pleased that the committee unanimously approved her nomination today. It is my hope that the Senate will approve her nomination quickly, so that she may begin to serve as soon as possible.”