

1 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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3 TO RECEIVE THE COMMISSION OF :

4 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE :

5 SUPREME COURT OF THE :

6 UNITED STATES :

7 SONIA SOTOMAYOR :

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9 Washington, D.C.

10 Tuesday, September 8, 2009

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12 The above-entitled matter came on for
13 commission before the Supreme Court of the United States
14 at 2:00 p.m.

15 APPEARANCES:

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17 States, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(2:00 p.m.)

CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: This special sitting of the Court is held today to receive the Commission of the newly appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Sonia Sotomayor.

We are pleased to have with us today the President of the United States. On behalf of the Court, I extend to you a warm welcome. We are also pleased to have present Vice President Biden and our retired colleague, Justice Souter. Welcome, Mr. Vice President and welcome back, Justice Souter.

The Court now recognizes the Attorney General of the United States, Eric Holder.

GENERAL HOLDER: Mr. Chief Justice and may it please the Court:

I have the Commission which has been issued to the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The Commission has been duly signed by the President of the United States and attested by me as the Attorney General of the United States. I move that the clerk read the Commission and that it be made a part of the permanent record of the Court.

CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, Attorney

1 General Holder; your motion is granted.

2 Mr. Clerk, will you please read the
3 Commission.

4 THE CLERK: Barack Obama, President of the
5 United States of America, to all who shall see these
6 Presents, Greetings:

7 Know ye that reposing special trust and
8 confidence in the Wisdom, Uprightness and Learning of
9 Sonia Sotomayor of New York, I have nominated and by and
10 with the advice and consent of the Senate do appoint her
11 an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United
12 States, and do authorize and empower her to execute and
13 fulfill the duties of that office according to the
14 Constitution and laws of the said United States, and to
15 Have and to Hold the said office with all the powers,
16 privileges and emoluments of the same of right
17 appertaining unto Her, the said Sonia Sotomayor, during
18 her good behavior.

19 In testimony whereof I have caused these
20 Letters to be made patent and the seal of the Department
21 of Justice to be hereunto affixed.

22 Done at the City of Washington, the sixth
23 day of August in the Year of Our Lord 2009 and of the
24 Independence of the United States of America, the two
25 hundred and thirty fourth, by the President, Barack

1 Obama, Eric J. Holder, Jr., Attorney General.

2 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: I now ask the deputy
3 clerk of the court to escort Justice Sotomayor to the
4 bench.

5 Please repeat after me. I, Sonia Sotomayor,
6 do solemnly swear --

7 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: I, Sonia Sotomayor, do
8 solemnly swear --

9 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: That I will
10 administer justice without respect to persons --

11 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: That I will administer
12 justice without respect to persons --

13 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: And do equal right
14 to the poor and to the rich --

15 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: And do equal right to
16 the poor and to the rich --

17 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: And that I will
18 faithfully and impartially --

19 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: And that I will
20 faithfully and impartially --

21 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Discharge and
22 perform --

23 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Discharge and perform --

24 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: All the duties
25 incumbent upon me --

1 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: All of the duties
2 incumbent upon me --

3 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: As Associate Justice
4 of the Supreme Court of the United States --

5 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: As Associate Justice of
6 the Supreme Court of the United States --

7 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Under the
8 Constitution and laws of the United States --

9 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Under the Constitution
10 and laws of the United States --

11 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: So help me, God.

12 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: So help me, God.

13 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Sotomayor,
14 on behalf of all the members of the Court, it is my
15 pleasure to extend to you a very warm welcome as the
16 111th Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the
17 United States. We wish for you a long and happy career
18 in our common calling.

19 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Thank you.

20 THE MARSHAL: The Honorable Court is now
21 adjourned until tomorrow at 10:00.

22 The Court requests that the guests remain
23 briefly in the Courtroom while the Bench is cleared, the
24 President departs and the family exits.

25 (Whereupon, at 2:04 p.m., the commissioning

1 was adjourned.)

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