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March 25, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

**GSA Memo: 00010-2022**

**Re: The Nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson for the U.S. Supreme Court**

Dear Chairman Durbin & Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the officers and members of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (the “Boulé”), the Nation’s oldest black Greek-letter Fraternity founded in 1904 for men of professional distinction, I am pleased to offer the attached resolution in strong support of the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Jackson’s professional and personal qualifications are exemplary. She comes from a family of police officers, worked as a public defender, served on the bipartisan United States Sentencing Commission, and served as a judge on the District Court and D.C. Circuit Court of Appeal. She has received a rating of “well qualified” by the American Bar Association—the Association’s highest rating. Judge Jackson is one of the brightest legal minds in the country with a well-rounded set of experiences in the legal system and judiciary that will make her an exceptional Supreme Court Justice. Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity strongly supports her confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of this correspondence. I respectfully ask that this letter, in addition to the attached resolution, be made a part of the permanent nomination hearing record.

Sincerely,

Dwayne M. Murray, Esq.  
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# Grand Boulé of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

## 2022 Resolution Affirming Support of the Confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court

**Whereas,** *Article III, Section 1 of the United States Constitution (the “Constitution”) established the United States Supreme Court (the “Supreme Court”) and vested the judicial power of the country therein; and*

**Whereas,** *the Judiciary Act of 1789 created the Supreme Court with six justices, and since its first convening in 1790, the Supreme Court has played a vital role in our country’s constitutional system of government as the highest court in the land; and*

**Whereas,** *over the course of our country’s history, decisions rendered by the Supreme Court have had far reaching implications on American society at large, most notably on the issues of civil rights and liberties, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and due process under the law; and*

**Whereas,** *since the formation of the Supreme Court the number of justices has been modified by the United States Congress six times with the current number of nine justices established in 1869, and over the history of the Supreme Court there have been 17 Chief Justices and 103 Associate Justices, none of whom have been African American women; and*

**Whereas,** *Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution empowers the President of the United States (the “President”) to nominate judges for lifetime appointments to the Supreme Court subject to the approval of the United States Senate (the “Senate”); and*

**Whereas,** *on February 25, 2022, the President announced his nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson (“Judge Jackson”) to serve as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; and*

**Whereas,** *with respect to her qualifications, Judge Jackson has been a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit since 2021, having been nominated by President Joseph R. Biden and confirmed by the Senate with a bipartisan vote; and*

**Whereas,** *prior to her appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Judge Jackson served as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, having been appointed by President Barack H. Obama in 2013 and confirmed by the Senate by voice vote; and*

**Whereas,** Judge Jackson earned both her undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University, graduating magna cum laude and cum laude respectively, in addition to serving as editor of the Harvard Law Review; and

**Whereas,** Judge Jackson clerked for three federal judges, including Associate Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer, spent time in private practice at several law firms, served on the U.S. Sentencing Commission, and worked as a federal public defender; and

**Whereas,** Judge Jackson has received a rating of “well-qualified” by the American Bar Association, the Association’s highest rating; and

**Whereas,** the Senate has undertaken a thorough, multi-day confirmation hearing to rigorously examine Judge Jackson’s background, qualifications, and judicial philosophy; and

**Whereas,** Judge Jackson’s distinguished background, unimpeachable character, exemplary qualifications, and brilliance represent a true American success story thanks to hard work and determination; and

**Whereas,** if confirmed by the Senate, Judge Jackson would be the first African American woman, the third African American overall, and the sixth woman overall, to serve on the Supreme Court.

**Be It Resolved,** that Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity supports the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court.

**Be It Further Resolved,** that Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity urges the United States Senate, upon conclusion of confirmation proceedings, to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court.

**Be It Further Resolved,** that a copy of this resolution becomes a permanent document of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

**In Witness Whereof,** we hereunto subscribe our names and affix the seal of the Grand Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two.



  
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