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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)** released the following statement applauding President Biden's nomination of **Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson** to serve as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America:

"Ketanji Brown Jackson is an eminent legal mind, a respected jurist, a trailblazer, and a supremely qualified pick for our nation's highest court. In addition to her service as both a federal district court judge and now a circuit court judge, her deep insight into criminal justice as a public defender and a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission is an important asset at this moment in our history. Jackson has twice been unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate, so it is my hope they will consider and confirm our next Supreme Court justice right away.

"President Biden has kept his promise. As a proud member of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Conscience of the Congress, we look forward to putting the full weight of the CBC behind Judge Jackson."

Background on the Supreme Court Nomination (attributable to Sam Spencer, Communications Director, Office of Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D):

- Congresswoman Alma Adams applauds the historic nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the Supreme Court, following a rigorous selection process by President Biden.
- If confirmed, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson will be the third Black Supreme Court Justice, the fifth woman, and most importantly, she will be the first Black woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Judge Jackson will be the first African American nominated to the Supreme Court **in more than 30 years.**
- Congresswoman Adams fully expects Judge Jackson to be confirmed without delay.
- The Supreme Court is a hallowed space in our jurisprudence and works to maintain our constitution and the rule of law.
- When our highest Court begins to look more and more like America, we all benefit.

Background on Judge Jackson

- Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson has served on the District of Columbia Circuit since June 2021; before this, she enjoyed a distinguished career as a jurist, including serving more than eight years on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.
- There she delivered more than 600 opinions, only 12 of which were reversed.
- Her stellar Judiciary tenure demonstrates her capability to serve as a fair, impartial jurist with a clear commitment to equal justice.
- Additionally, Judge Jackson's years of professional experience as a public servant representing the most vulnerable members of our society and fighting for the constitutional rights of all make her an excellent choice to be not only a celebrated Supreme Court Justice but also the first Black woman to serve in this hallowed capacity.
- Judge Jackson has a record of bipartisan support for her previous confirmations. In fact, she was confirmed three times by the Senate, twice unanimously.
- Former **Republican Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI)** said

of Judge Jackson that while their "politics may differ...[his] praise for Ketanji's intellect, for her character, for her integrity, it is unequivocal." Former United States Attorneys and Department of Justice officials across the country also have endorsed Judge Jackson, "without reservation" due to her "steadfast commitment to independence, impartiality, and integrity."

- As a trial judge, Jackson earned a reputation for hard work, a raucous laugh, and more than 500 opinions, some of them noteworthy not just for the outcome but their length.

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