

National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution
Saluting the Appointment of U.S. Supreme Court Justice-
Designate Katanji Brown Jackson



WHEREAS, Katanji Brown Jackson received U.S. Senate confirmation on April 7, 2022, as an Associate Justice-Designate of the U.S. Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Justice Jackson was born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Miami, Florida. She attended Harvard University for her undergraduate studies and law school, where she served as an editor of *Harvard Law Review*. She began her legal career with three clerkships, including one with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. From 2005 to 2007, Justice Jackson was an assistant federal public defender in Washington, D.C., where she handled cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. A *Washington Post* review of cases Jackson handled during her time as a public defender showed that "she won uncommon victories against the government that shortened or erased lengthy prison terms." In 2013, she was nominated by then-President Obama to serve as District Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Additionally, she served as Vice Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission from 2010-2014. In 2021, President Biden nominated Justice Jackson to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and

WHEREAS, President Biden said, "Judge Jackson's confirmation was a historic moment for our nation. We've taken another step toward making our highest court reflect the diversity of America. She will be an incredible Justice, and I was honored to share this moment with her."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Federation of Democratic Women salutes the appointment of U.S. Supreme Court Justice-Designate Katanji Brown Jackson as she becomes the sixth woman justice and first Black woman ever in the history of the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice Jackson said, "Be open to new ideas and experiences because you'll never know when someone else will have an interesting thought or when a new door will open to take you on the journey of your dreams."