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United States Commission on Civil Rights Announces New Vice-Chair

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announced today that President Obama has designated, and a unanimous Commission has confirmed Patricia Timmons-Goodson, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, as Vice Chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights:

Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson was an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina from 2006 to 2012, an Associate Judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals from 1997 to 2005, and a District Court Judge for the Twelfth District of North Carolina from 1984 to 1997.

Prior to her appointments to the judiciary, Justice Timmons-Goodson was a Staff Attorney at Lumbee River Legal Services from 1983 to 1984 and was an Assistant District Attorney for the Twelfth Prosecutorial District of North Carolina from 1981 to 1983. She began her career as a District Manager for the United States Census Bureau in the Department of Commerce from 1979 to 1980. Justice Timmons-Goodson has served in several leadership positions with the American Bar Association, and is a member of the Guilford College Board of Trustees and the Advisory Committee of the North Carolina Judicial College.

In recognition of her long and distinguished service to the judiciary and people of North Carolina she has been inducted into the North Carolina Women's Hall of Fame and awarded three honorary degrees. Justice Timmons-Goodson received a B.A. and a J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an L.L.M. from Duke University School of Law.

Chairman Martin R. Castro said, "I thank President Obama for selecting Justice Timmons-Goodson as our new Vice Chair. Her temperament, intellect and common-sense approach will serve us well in this important leadership post at the Commission."

Vice-Chair Patricia Timmons-Goodson said, “I appreciate President Obama’s confidence in my ability to assist Chairman Castro and to help lead the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. I pledge to work at all times to further our vital mission of protecting and advancing the civil rights of all citizens”

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