

TRIBUTE TO MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1969.

Present: MR. CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN, MR. JUSTICE BLACK, MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS, MR. JUSTICE HARLAN, MR. JUSTICE BRENNAN, MR. JUSTICE STEWART, MR. JUSTICE WHITE, MR. JUSTICE FORTAS, and MR. JUSTICE MARSHALL.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

We will pause a moment to record orally the passing of a notable event in the history of the Court.

Since our last session, MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS passed an important milestone in his judicial career. On April 17th, he completed thirty years of distinguished service on this Court. Only nine others in the long history of the Court have achieved that distinction—John Marshall, Bushrod Washington, Joseph Story, William Johnson, John McLean, James M. Wayne, Stephen J. Field, John M. Harlan, and HUGO L. BLACK. Of these 10, only JUSTICE DOUGLAS and JUSTICE BLACK were appointed in this century.

When JUSTICE DOUGLAS came to the Court, Volume 306 of the United States Reports was being written. We are now working on Volume 394, which indicates his work is to be found in almost one-fourth of all the Volumes of our Reports.

He has written on almost every conceivable issue, and in this dynamic era he has contributed greatly to the jurisprudence of the Court. We wish him years of continued success and happiness in his service to the Court.

