

# TRIBUTE TO MR. JUSTICE BLACK

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1970

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

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Before addressing ourselves to the regular duties of the Court, I have a privilege accorded me by my colleagues, or I should say six of them, and it is a privilege which gives me a great, great pleasure.

This Court commonly does not take note of birthdays of Justices, but our Brother, JUSTICE HUGO BLACK, is a very uncommon man. Therefore we will break whatever precedents may be in the way to note today the birthday he will have tomorrow.

There is no need, of course, to speak of the work of JUSTICE BLACK as a member of this Court or his impact on our times and on our country. That record is written in very nearly 100 volumes of this Court's United States Reports.

Today we simply wish to take note, so that it may be recorded on the journal of the Court of the profound esteem and the very deep and warm affection that each of us bears for this very remarkable American.

We wish you, MR. JUSTICE BLACK, many, many more years of the kind of health and vigor and wisdom with which the Lord so richly endowed you.

In short, Happy Birthday, Sir. And, I may add, I am authorized by the Court to say this is unanimous; there are no dissents.

