

DEATH OF JAMES F. BYRNES
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1972

Present: MR. CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER, MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS, MR. JUSTICE BRENNAN, MR. JUSTICE STEWART, MR. JUSTICE WHITE, MR. JUSTICE BLACKMUN, MR. JUSTICE POWELL, and MR. JUSTICE REHNQUIST.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Today we take note with sadness of the death of former Justice James F. Byrnes in his 93d year. Justice Byrnes served on this Court in 1941 and 1942, at which time he resigned from the Court upon being appointed by President Roosevelt as Director of the Office of Economic Stabilization. Our sadness on the death of Mr. Justice Byrnes is tempered by the knowledge of the full and rich and remarkable life he lived, serving as he did in the House of Representatives, in the United States Senate, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, as Secretary of State, and as a Justice of this Court. He therefore served with great distinction at the highest levels in all three branches of Government, as well as in the highest office of his native State. His contributions to stability and peace following World War II have made his name honored among the statesmen of his time.

Few men have served their country so long or so well.

The record will show that adjournment of this Court today will be in memory of Mr. Justice Byrnes.

