

TRIBUTE TO MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1973

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

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Before we hear the first argument this morning, we would like to take note for the permanent journal and records of the Court of an important event in the history of the Court.

One week ago today, on October 29, MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS established a new longevity record for service on the Supreme Court of the United States; thirty-four years, one hundred and ninety-six days, as of that day.

His tenure as a Justice of this Court now exceeds that of Mr. Justice Stephen Field, who was appointed by President Lincoln, took his oath of office in 1863, on May 20, and remained on the Court until December 1, 1897.

I know I speak for all the members of the Court, and for the retired and former members of the Court, when we take this occasion to wish our Brother Douglas continued good health and long life and to record our congratulations on the new record which he has established and will proceed to break every day when he arrives at the Court in the morning.

