

DEATH OF JUSTICE GOLDBERG

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1990

Present: CHIEF JUSTICE REHNQUIST, JUSTICE BRENNAN, JUSTICE WHITE, JUSTICE MARSHALL, JUSTICE BLACKMUN, JUSTICE O'CONNOR, and JUSTICE SCALIA.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

As we open this morning we note with sadness the death last Friday of Arthur J. Goldberg, former Justice of this Court.

Born of immigrant parents in Chicago, he graduated with honors from Northwestern Law School when he was only twenty-one. His career exemplified a life-long interest in public affairs. During thirty years of private practice in the middle part of this century, he served as General Counsel to the CIO, and was instrumental in effecting its merger with the AF of L in 1955.

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Though Justice Goldberg served on this Court for a comparatively brief period of time, he made important contributions to its jurisprudence. I speak for all members of the

Court in expressing our profound sympathy to the family of Justice Goldberg. The recess which the Court takes today will be in memory of Justice Goldberg, and at an appropriate time there will be a traditional memorial observance in this Courtroom.

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