

ladder from legislative assistant to president of the Professional Association for the National Labor Relations Board in only 4 years.

His talent and intellect earned him the respect and attention of many. Bill was the first and only National Relations Board employee to receive the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service, which is the highest honor attainable through civil service. President Clinton recognized Bill's "unparalleled" professional contributions, emphasizing that Bill was "instrumental in winning national labor law cases that have had a major impact on American workers."

In addition to his professional accomplishments, I am told that Bill was also a family man at heart. According to his friends and colleagues, Bill cherished the company of his loved ones and always made his parents and siblings a top priority. Undoubtedly, Bill will be remembered by all who knew him for his love of life and laughter.

Bill is survived by his two brothers, Stanley Stewart and Richard Stewart.

Bill was a man who walked with kings but never lost the common touch. The citizens of the State of Indiana and the United States of America were well served by the life led by Bill Stewart. He touched many lives over the course of his career and will be remembered as a loving friend and an incredible leader and colleague.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of William R. Stewart in the official RECORD of the United States Senate. May God be with all who mourn his passing, as I know He is with Bill.●

REMEMBERING FRANK D. STIMLEY

● Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, on April 14, 2004, a distinguished attorney and outstanding individual from my State died suddenly in New Orleans, LA. At the age of 56, Frank D. Stimley leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments and contributions to the State and people of Mississippi.

Frank was a native of Jackson, MI. Early in life, he turned down an opportunity to play major league baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals to attend Columbia University, where he received a bachelors degree in electrical engineering. He later joined his sister and older brother at Harvard Law School, where the Stimleys became the first family to ever have three siblings attend that law school at the same time. In addition to his law degree, Frank concurrently obtained a masters in business administration from Harvard Business School.

After graduation, Frank Stimley became the first African-American lawyer to be hired by a large majority white firm in Mississippi. He also became the first African-American lawyer at Wise Carter Child Stein and Caraway to make partner.

Frank was also a member of the 100 Black Men of Jackson, Deacon at the

Progressive Morningstar Baptist Church, and involved in providing legal assistance to Stewpot Community Services, Catholic Charities, the Parish Street Redevelopment Project, and the Friends and Children of United Way. Additionally, Frank Stimley helped secure financing for many churches, Head Start programs, medical clinics, the Jackson Redevelopment Authority, and various Mississippi development projects.

Frank Stimley was a successful lawyer and community leader whose contributions were considerable. We extend to his wife Cynthia and the entire Stimley family our sincerest condolences.●

A DELAWARE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL LEADER

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, it gives me great pride and pleasure today to rise and honor a Delaware jurist who is a recognized leader not only in his native State of Delaware, but throughout this country and around the world. His name is Randy Holland.

Justice Holland has served on the Delaware Supreme Court since 1986, with the distinction of being the youngest person ever to serve on my State's highest court. And for the past four years, he has served as the National President of the American Inns of Court. His second term ends next week, and I rise today to commend his leadership to this prestigious legal society.

Justice Holland's stewardship of the American Inns of Court, with its roots dating back to England in the 1400s, has earned him an extraordinary, rare and high honor.

He is only the third American judge to recently receive this prestigious award. The other two are United States Supreme Court Justices.

Lincoln's Inn of London, England, announced that Justice Holland has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench. The Honorary "Benchers" are persons of distinction selected from common law countries around the world. The only American judges to receive this high recognition and distinction are Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court and now Justice Holland.

In commenting upon Justice Holland's election, William Blair, a distinguished Barrister, President of the Commercial Bar Association in England, and brother of Prime Minister Tony Blair, stated "We feel that this is an important mark of friendship between the Inns of Court of England and the American Inns of Court. What is most gratifying for us is that the common aims of the organization are ethics, civility, professionalism and legal excellence—which are surely more necessary now than ever. My fellow Benchers were greatly impressed by Justice Holland's distinguished judicial record."●

To put this honor in context, Lincoln's Inn is the oldest of the four Inns of Court in London. Its formal records date back continuously to 1422. For six centuries, the Inns of Court in London have educated English trial lawyers, who are known as Barristers.

St. Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England, joined Lincoln's Inn in 1496. The chapel bell at Lincoln's Inn came from Spain in 1596 as part of the spoils of Cadiz. When Dr. John Donne was Preacher to Lincoln's Inn in 1624, he wrote his famous poem "for whom the bell tolls."

Along with this international honor, Justice Holland has been recognized by his fellow jurists and attorneys in this country. His numerous awards include: the 1992 Judge of the Year Award from the National Child Support Enforcement Association, the 2002 Alumni Award of Merit from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, the 2003 American Judicature Society's Herbert Harley Award, and the 2004 Widener Law School Adjunct Professor Distinguished Service Award.

Ethics and mentoring are the hallmarks of Justice Holland's service on the bench and his call to his fellow attorneys in the bar. He chaired the national Advisory Committee to the American Judicature Society's Center for Judicial Ethics and currently he chairs the American Bar Association national Joint Committee on Lawyer Regulation. Justice Holland is also a member of the American Law Institute and is an adjunct professor at several law schools.

In addition to these many accomplishments, Justice Holland has published three books on the history of the Delaware Constitution and the Delaware Supreme Court.

Of course, Justice Holland will tell you that he derives his greatest pride from his family—his wife and friend since grade school, Ilona, and his son, Ethan.

Justice Holland deserves a tremendous thank you for his leadership on the bench and bar—from Delaware, attorneys throughout this country, and indeed from jurists and barristers worldwide. Congratulations.●

2003 PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARDS

● Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, last week, 70 members of the Federal Government's Senior Executive Service and Senior Level and Scientific and Professional employees received the Nation's highest civil service award for their leadership accomplishments and long-term contributions to their country.

I believe it is fitting to honor these men and women during Public Service Recognition Week, which began yesterday, May 3, 2004. As noted by the Office of Personnel Management, "Winners of this prestigious award are strong leaders, professionals, and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry,