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Earl B. Gilliam, Judge
United States District Court
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Judge Gilliam:

Congratulations on your recent appointment to the United States District Court bench!

I attempted to attend your induction ceremony last Friday, however, the Courthouse was too crowded to get through.

Please accept my best wishes on this new position. If I can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

JIM BATES
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Judge Gilliam Wins Award

JUDGE GILLIAM

U.S. District Court Judge Earl B. Gilliam, the first black appointed to the bench in San Diego County, yesterday was named the 19th recipient of the Golden Man and Boy Award.

The 49-year-old jurist will be honored at an award dinner May 6 at the Town and Country Convention Center, a benefit for the Boys' Clubs of San Diego.

Boys' Club President William Kolender announced Gilliam's selection, citing him as an outstanding example of the organization's youth leadership programs.

Gilliam said that "I was happy and thrilled that they picked me" for the award. The jurist, who joined the Boys' Clubs in 1943, one year after its founding, said the experience "was an inspiration in my life, it helped me."

The jurist has served on the boards of both the countywide Boys' Clubs and the William J. Oakes Boys' Club. He has also been active in the YMCA, Beechhaven Home for Girls, University of California at San Diego Board of Overseers, and the Urban League.

Gilliam attended Logan and Stockton elementary schools, Memorial Junior High School, San Diego High School, and was graduated from San Diego State University in 1953. He holds a law degree from San Francisco's Hastings Law School.

Gilliam was the first black appointed to the San Diego Municipal Court, where he served 12 years. He was promoted to the Superior Court bench, where he served five years. He was confirmed as the first black on the federal bench here in August 1980.

Among other Golden Man and Boy Award winners have been Dr. Jonas Salk, the late James S. Copley, Dr. [illegible] Anderson, Ted Geisel, Bob Breitbard and Col. Irv[illegible] mon.