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The Municipal Court

SAN DIEGO JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY COURTHOUSE
220 W. BROADWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

JUDITH MC CONNELL
JUDGE

June 11, 1979

Senator Alan Cranston
Room 452
Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cranston:

It is with great pleasure that I write to thank and commend you for your recent nomination of Judges Artie Henderson and Earl Gilliam to the District Court. Artie and Earl have both served ably and well on the Municipal and Superior Courts, and their addition to the federal bench will add depth and new perspectives sorely lacking in the federal judiciary.

I truly believe it takes great courage to nominate a woman and a black simultaneously. Such courage will not earn you a gold medal, but it has earned you the warm support of myself and others who believe that diversity in the judiciary is essential to the continuing vitality of our legal system.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Judith McConnell

JUDITH McCONNELL
Judge

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cc: Sarah Waddington
President's Advisor for Women's Affairs

Jack H. Watson, Liaison
Commission on White House Fellowship

Honorable Artie G. Henderson

Honorable Earl B. Gilliam