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Mrs. Rebecca Prater, and Family
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Dear Mrs. Prater:

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the death of your husband. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Judge Gilliam was a revered member of the federal judiciary, and served with distinction as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. Respect and compassion for all were hallmarks of his career and his personal life, and he has left a legacy for all to emulate. The high esteem with which Judge Gilliam was held among the judiciary, the legal community and all who knew him, is a testament to the exemplary person that he was. He touched many lives in a positive way, and his loss is deeply felt.

Mrs. Prater, may the love that you shared with your husband, and the memories of all the good that he did bring you and your family comfort during this difficult period. If I can ever be assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

In sympathy,

Dianne Feinstein

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