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To Rebecca Gilliam, Family, and Friends of Earl Gilliam:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I extend my deepest condolences on the tragic loss of Earl Gilliam.

He will always be remembered for being the first African-American United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of California and as the first African-American Superior Court Judge in San Deigo.

As one of his close friends, I hope you all will take comfort in the many special memories you have of him. Life is often taken for granted. Not until a loved one is taken from us, do we realize the priceless value of each moment.

I wish you strength in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

WILLIE L. BROWN, Jr.
Mayor