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ADDRESS ON INDUCTION AS ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT OF
CALIFORNIA ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1939

In assuming the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California, I am conscious of the great responsibility which devolves upon me.

I feel very humble in the presence of my associates, most of whom have grown gray in the tireless service which they have rendered to the people of this state in the solemn discharge of their duties on this and other judicial tribunals -- they are all veterans in the judicial field, while I have no judicial background to commend me to either the bench or bar

I fear that I may often offend your sense of judicial etiquette, and cause you to look upon me with disdain, but I beg of you to be patient with me and remember that you were once in my situation.

Having achieved an ambition long cherished by me, I cannot refrain from looking back over the course I traveled to reach this goal.

The past rises before me like a dream -- I can see the little log cabin in Trinity County where I was born about 50 years ago -- the little rough board school house on Coffee Creek where I learned my three R's -- the farms, mines, logging camps, saw mills and machine shops where I worked and earned the

money to defray my expenses in attending high school and law college -- the long nights of study in preparation for my chosen profession -- the beginning of my law practice with doubts and disappointments overshadowing my ambition to succeed. Then success: twice elected District Attorney -- elected a member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California for six years -- appointed City Attorney of two cities -- established a reputation as a trial lawyer throughout Northern California -- elected State Senator from the Fifth Senatorial District -- and now a member of this high and honorable tribunal as the culmination of an ambition and a desire for service to my fellowman.

road I have traveled has not been an easy one and I have no illusions about what may be expected of me as a member of this Court -- I stand ready to give my best -- to consecrate my talents to the welfare of the people of this my native state

It has been said that, "No man has earned the right to intellectual ambition until he has learned to lay his course by a star which he has never seen -- to dig by the divining rod for springs which he may never reach.

"To think great thoughts you must be heroes as well as idealists. Only when you have worked alone -- when you have felt around you a black gulf of solitude more isolating than that which surrounds the dying man, and in hope and despair have

trusted to your own unshaken will -- then only will you have achieved. Thus only can you gain the secret isolated joy of the thinker, who knows that a hundred years after he is dead and forgotten, men who never heard of him will be moving to the measure of his thought -- the subtle rapture of a postponed power, which the world knows not because it has no external trappings, but which to his prophetic vision is more real than that which commands an army."