

IN MEMORY OF SENATOR THURMAN ADAMS, JR., PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE



The Judiciary honors and recognizes the late Senator Thurman Adams, Jr., President Pro Tempore of the Senate, for his many years of service to the State and his support of the Delaware Judiciary. During his 37 years in the Senate, Senator Adams served as a member and chairman of the Senate Executive Committee, and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, among other leadership roles. Senator Adams worked closely with the Delaware Judiciary on many important initiatives, including court jurisdictional changes, new judgeships and other resources, and implementation of the Delaware Compensation Commission's recommendations. The members of the Judiciary considered Senator Adams a true friend of the Judiciary, who was keenly aware of the importance of the courts to everyday persons. As chairman of the Executive Committee for 32 years, he oversaw the nomination process for almost all currently sitting Delaware judges. According to those who knew Senator Adams well, he relished that leadership role, considering it a favorite aspect of his Senate work. His support of the Delaware Judiciary, thoughtfulness, and courteous approach, will long be remembered.



Standing from left to right: Senator Thurman Adams, Jr.; Lydia Prigg, Director of Boards and Commissions; Chief Judge Chandlee Johnson Kuhn; President Judge James T. Vaughn, Jr.; the late Senator James T. Vaughn, Sr.; Chief Justice Myron T. Steele; and **seated**, then Governor Ruth Ann Minner.