

NATIONAL BLACK PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION



PROCLAMATION

The Darryl A. Stewart Day of Service, Mentorship, and Fun

WHEREAS, Darryl started his life in humble beginnings in Ohio, he quickly mustered his girt to turn those unassuming beginnings into great success, giving life to the adage “pull yourself up by your bootstraps.”

WHEREAS, Darryl dedicated his entire career, some 35 years, to the public sector, giving proper context to the title “public servant.”

WHEREAS, Darryl integrated the then-all white United States Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville Division, in 1989, when things for people with Darryl’s skin pigment and gender were still turbulent, at best, but still he stood and served, giving meaning to “long suffering good and faithful servant.”

WHEREAS, Darryl served the United States of America with great distinction, appearing before the United States Appellate Courts in the Second, Sixth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits, being rated as outstanding, the highest honor a federal prosecutor can earn, for his work year after year, giving perspective to the word “excellence.”

WHEREAS, Darryl volunteered his time, talent, and wisdom in the mentorship of hundreds who came behind him, opening countless doors for the deserving who would have been shutout of opportunities but for Darryl’s guidance, giving hope to the downtrodden, overlooked, outcast, and victims of prejudice and implicit bias.

WHEREAS, Darryl loved a hot sports car and looked great driving one especially that notorious black Chevy Corvette he loved so, reminding those who watched on in awe that there is both “a time to work and a time to play.”

WHEREAS, Darryl A. Stewart lived a life of distinction. He put others and his country before himself. He worked hard and played harder; a combination few master, but he did. His mastery of those skills led him to live a life that mattered, and leaves shoes that can never be filled.

NOW THEREFORE, I, National Black Prosecutors Association President William Jorden, do hereby recognize and commend Mr. Darryl A. Stewart for his selfless service to this organization, the Departments of Labor and Justice, and this great country, and the inspiration he provided to his colleagues, friends, and family.

FURTHERMORE, I hereby proclaim Darryl A. Stewart is a man of great honor, who helped lay a strong foundation for those who come behind him and this organization, and, therefore, from this day and forever more shall the National Black Prosecutors Association consider April 14, **The Darryl A. Stewart Day of Service, Mentorship, and Fun.**