

Honorable Judge Melvin J. Jews Investiture
Reception Speech

June 20, 2014

In a few short weeks we will celebrate Independence Day – which for most of us means pride, patriotism bound together by the belief that our country is still the greatest in the world.

A country where equality, freedom, opportunity and self-worth go hand in hand – where everyone gets a chance to live their dream or should!

Before us sits a man who lives his dream!

A man who has been in private legal practice for sixteen years, a Baltimore Asst. States Attorney, litigator, mediator, mentor, volunteer and along with the Honorable Master Jo Ann Asparagus Murray and myself he is a founding member of The Gloria Richardson Bar Association.

A man who has flourished without animosity or controversy – an honorable man! But a man who doesn't have to be described as the “first”, the “only” – Melvin Jews simply “is”.. without fuss, but with candor, humility and yet self-awareness; safe in the knowledge that he's filling no body's shoes but his own.

Husband, Family man, friend, successful on his own merits! He too sings America!

And I can think of nothing better to quote with pride than the words of Langston Hughes, brilliant take on his country:

“I too, sing America”

“I am the darker brother

They send me to eat in the kitchen

when company comes

But I laugh, and eat well

And grow strong
Tomorrow,
I'll be at the table when company comes,
Nobody'll dare Say to me
"Eat in the kitchen" then
Besides they'll see how beautiful we are
And be ashamed
I too Am America!

Honored Guests, Mrs Melvin Jews, Ladies and
Gentlemen, I am happy and proud to congratulate
my friend "The Honorable Melvin J. Jews, District
Court Judge, Dorchester County, Maryland"