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BIOGRAPHICAL OUTLINE

Frank Mitchell, newly-appointed House Page

April 14, 1965

Frank Mitchell, 15, of 1421 Fifteenth St., Springfield, Ill. is the first Negro to serve as a Page in the House of Representatives.

His foster parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry VanBuren of the same address.

Frank is an outstanding student in the Sophomore Class of Feitshans High School in Springfield, where he is room president of his class and a chess champion.

His father is a custodian at the Iles School in Springfield.

The appointee will have the personal guidance of Mrs. Eulalia O. Corbin while he is in Washington. Mrs. Corbin, of Springfield, is executive secretary to Rep. Robert McClory (R-Ill) of Lake Bluff, Ill.

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*Eulalia O. Corbin*



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Representative Paul Findley (R. Ill.)

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A statement by Rep. Gerald R. Ford  
on the appointment of a New House Page

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This marks an historic moment in the history of the House of Representatives. The appointment of Frank Mitchell of Springfield, Illinois, as a Page in the House is a milestone of importance. He will be the first Negro to serve as a Page in the House.

It is a pleasure to join with Rep. Leslie Arends in endorsing this appointment, which was recommended by Rep. Paul Findley of the Illinois 20th District.

I congratulate Illinois State Rep. J. David Jones, Precinct Committeeman Victor Bartolatti of Springfield, and the committee of Springfield educators and others who have played roles in sponsoring this fine young man.

With other members of the House, I welcome Frank Mitchell to The Capitol with a wish that he finds his experience here to be an interesting, educational and inspiring one.

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