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**STATEMENT OF CHIEF JUDGE LYNCH  
REGARDING JUDGE FRANK M. COFFIN**

BOSTON (December 9, 2009) — Judge Frank M. Coffin will be greatly missed by his colleagues on the federal bench, and by the bar and the public. He was a remarkable man and one of the country's great federal judges. He had an extraordinary intelligence, a deep caring for people, a deft wit, and solid judgment. It was once said that judges should have a "listening heart," and he did.

Judge Coffin was greatly admired for his wisdom and his humanity. His life centered around his love of family, his love of justice and the law, and his love of the great State of Maine. Judge Coffin's life and legacy have made this country a better place for all.

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