

Civil Rights

Frank Mitchell

The Honorable Paul Findley

U.S. Representative of Illinois

Representative Paul Findley of Illinois remember Frank Mitchell, the first modern-era African-American House Page.

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But he really was an ideal person to break this important ground for civil rights. He carried himself with dignity. He was always available for help. In fact, he, he came to my office and, and said he'd be glad, that he would be glad to help as a member of my staff at the times he was not obligated to the floor. I told him not to feel that way at all, that he would be welcomed, but I didn't want him to feel any obligation. I wanted him to feel free to get acquainted with other aspects of the House Chamber and the Membership, and just soak it all up, which he did.