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**SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
THURGOOD MARSHALL
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

Thurgood Marshall, the pioneering civil rights lawyer who became the first black to sit on the Supreme Court, has announced his retirement.

Marshall, 82, cited his "advancing age and medical condition" in a letter to Bush saying he would leave the court "when my successor is qualified."

"This is not just the retirement of any justice. This is the retirement of an institution," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., one of dozens who offered their praise. "It's a sad day for all of us," said a leading black member of Congress.

Marshall's 50-year career brought him from the legal rough and tumble of the courtrooms of the segregated South-where he argued the cause of civil rights fervently - to the decorum of the nation's highest courts.

As a justice for the past 24 years, he unfailingly championed the rights of criminal suspects, fought the imposition of the death penalty and took an expansive view of the right to privacy and the freedom of speech. His decisions endorsed affirmative action, and the right to an abortion as well.

He sounded committed to the causes of a lifetime even as he announced his departure.



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