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Statement from Atlanta City Council President Ceasar Mitchell on the passing of Judge H.T. Ward

“U.S. District Court Judge Horace T. Ward was a civil rights trailblazer and past president of the Gate City Bar. His resume appropriately paints the picture of a venerable man, one with a legacy to uphold. In every sense of the word, he was truly a leader with qualities that stand the test of time.

I remember Judge Ward as a man who engaged and inspired others to achieve greatness. He was authentic, did not mince words and operated with conviction— even when the stakes were high. As a young scholar seeking admission to The University of Georgia School of Law in 1950, Judge Ward demonstrated courage by standing against discrimination. In fact, today I would not be a proud alumnus of UGA's law school were it not for his sacrifice and perseverance. For this, and every time he ensured justice and equality under the law, I am grateful. My sincere condolences go out to his entire family during this time of loss. Horace T. Ward will forever be on the right side of history and his legacy will live on in our hearts.”

-- Ceasar Mitchell, Atlanta City Council President