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**FEDERAL DAY CARE CENTER AT THE DIRKSEN U.S. COURTHOUSE  
NAMED IN HONOR OF JUDGE JOAN HUMPHREY LEFKOW  
DEDICATION CEREMONY MARCH 8, 2013 AT 2:00 P.M.**

CHICAGO- Chief Judge James F. Holderman announced today that at a ceremony to be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2013, the day care center located on the second floor of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse will be formally named “The Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow Day Care Center.”

“Judge Lefkow was the inspiration for and the impetus behind the establishment of the day care center here in the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse,” Chief Judge Holderman said. “Having opened in 1989, the center has benefitted many children and grandchildren of our federal court family. Consequently, the judges of our court unanimously felt it would be fitting to name the center in Judge Lefkow’s honor.”

Judge Lefkow has served as a U.S. District Judge in the Northern District of Illinois for over twelve years. She was nominated by President William J. Clinton on May 11, 2000, and received her commission on July 11, 2000. Prior to her service as a district court judge, Judge Lefkow served for fifteen years as a U.S. Magistrate Judge of the Northern District of Illinois and served for three years as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge. Judge Lefkow recently assumed senior status on September 1, 2012, and continues to serve actively on the district court bench.

The Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow Day Care Center remains supported by the General Services Administration and CCC Learning Center. It is one of five childcare centers available for federal employees in Chicago, offering care for infants up to 15 months of age.