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History made in the Senate as Jackson confirmed to Supreme Court

Washington D.C., April 8, 2022—By a vote of 53-47, the United States Senate Thursday confirmed Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to replace the retiring Justice Stephen Breyer on the nation’s highest court.

Thursday’s vote marked the third time that an African American Justice has been confirmed, joining Thurgood Marshall and Clarence Thomas. She is the first African American woman to join the 116 people to have served on the court.

“Historic, comforting, logical, just and overly qualified.” That’s how Martin CJ Mongiello, Chair of the Board of Trustees for the United States Presidential Service Center (USPSC) describes Jackson and her appointment.

It’s something echoed by Vice-President Kamala Harris who met with reporters on Capitol Hill shortly after announcing the result of the vote. “I am feeling a deep sense of pride in who we are as a nation, that we just did what we did,” she said.

Jackson’s nomination reached the Senate floor after a contentious Judiciary Committee hearing that resulted in an 11-11 tie along party lines. The Democrats, who control the Senate, sent the nomination to the floor after a procedural step.

“What a true honor it is to be in this world and in this country to see history made,” said Dr. Miguel Rodriguez, USPSC CO-CEO.

Jackson is expected to be officially sworn in this summer after current Justice Stephen Breyer formally retires. Ironically, Jackson once clerked for Justice Breyer.

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