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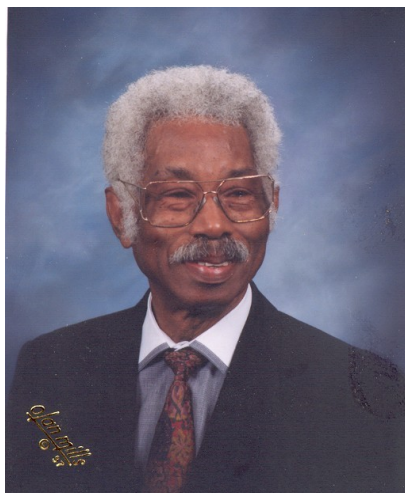
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the school. In 1973 – after riots, two bombings to Mr. Holland’s home and boycotting by white parents – a U.S. District Court judge ruled that the school system was fully integrated.

When Mr. Holland learned that the district headquarters were to be named in his honor in 1996, he was quoted by *The Palm Beach Post* as saying, “Unbelievable. I never dreamed.”



*William Holland*



# *School District of Palm Beach County*

## **THE LEGACY OF TWO GREAT MEN**

### **WILLIAM HOLLAND & ROBERT FULTON**



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## ***THE LEGACY OF TWO GREAT MEN: WILLIAM HOLLAND & ROBERT FULTON***

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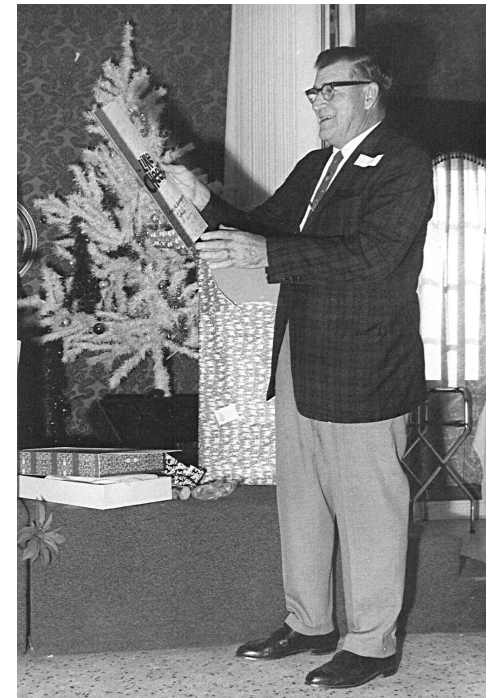
In 1996, a citizens committee was charged with renaming the District's headquarters, which was then called the Palm Beach County School District Administrative Center. Choosing from a list of pioneers whose efforts all affected the academic future of county children, the committee decided upon William M. Holland Sr. and Robert Wilson Fulton.

Mr. Holland was chosen because of his ground-breaking work in integrating Palm Beach County schools during a time of great social unrest and racial division. Mr. Holland, who passed away in July 2002, began his crusade for integration with his son. In 1956, Mr.

Holland took William Jr. to attend the all-white Northboro Elementary close to his home and was refused entry. He filed a federal lawsuit against the school district. Although the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled that "separate but equal" was unconstitutional two years earlier, the change had gone largely ignored in Palm Beach County. Even when the U.S. District Court of Appeals found that segregation existed based on Mr. Holland's suit, the District still did not admit William Jr. to Northboro.

"Holland battled the school board for 19 years," said Mr. Holland's law partner, I.C. Smith, who resides in Delray Beach. "The board just didn't want to do it."

While Mr. Holland battled injustice through the courts, then-Superintendent Fulton began arguing for integration from inside. Elected as superintendent in 1964, Mr. Fulton, who passed away in 1995, outlined a strategy for "planned" desegregation rather than



*Robert Fulton, one of the namesakes of the District headquarters, enjoying a 1968 Christmas bash.*

"forced" integration by the federal government. He served as superintendent until 1968.

Together, the two men fought fierce resistance, until finally in 1963, William Jr. was allowed to transfer to Central Junior High School as an eighth-grader and one of six black students attending