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PRESS RELEASE

Portrait Unveiling Press Release

In a special session today, Hon. Judge Gene Donofrio, Hon. Judge Cheryl L. Waite and Hon. Judge David A. D'Apollito jointly presided along with Hon. Judge Carol Ann Robb participating remotely, over the portrait unveiling ceremony for their former colleague and former Justice Mary DeGenaro. "We are pleased to honor our former benchmate today with the unveiling of her portrait which will be placed with honor among the other retired jurists in the courtroom," said Judge Donofrio, Presiding and Administrative Judge of the Seventh District Court of Appeals. "It is a tribute to her years of service in the judiciary and her contributions to the legal profession."

A standing-room-only crowd of more than 100 people, including Justice Jennifer Brunner of the Ohio Supreme Court, along with judges from most of the eight counties within the appellate district, gathered at the Seventh District Court of Appeals for the portrait unveiling. Former Justice DeGenaro sat on the Court of Appeals bench for more than 17 years; she also served as the 159th justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

The portrait was unveiled by the former judge's husband and son to a standing ovation in appreciation and recognition of her years of dedicated service to the Seventh District Court. Former Justice DeGenaro presented a few remarks highlighting her inspiration, Atticus Finch, from "To Kill a Mockingbird." The former jurist impressed the importance of the role of the judiciary in the fair and unbiased interpretation and application of the "rule of law."

Refreshments were provided after the event courtesy of the Mahoning County Bar Association.