

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE:

Be it resolved,

That the Illinois Supreme Court recognizes the outstanding commitment and service of Joseph R. Tybor to the Court and to the entire judicial branch of state government during his seventeen years as spokesman and press secretary.

Tybor's long and distinguished career was marked by his service as a member of the United States Army, years of experience as a journalist, and membership in the Illinois bar. Everything that Joe undertook he approached with the utmost devotion, including his great interest in Notre Dame sports.

A Pulitzer Prize winning journalist in the era when print was king, Joe adapted to the age of new media and became a champion for the use of cameras in the courtrooms of Illinois. As a lawyer, journalist, and citizen, he appreciated the need for transparency and accessibility in the judicial process. Thus, he spearheaded the Court's adoption of rules for extended media coverage and assisted courts throughout the state in implementing the new procedures.

To the end, Joe continued to fill his role as the public face of the Illinois Supreme Court. His strength and courage were an inspiration to all who knew him.

In recognition of his many contributions to this Court and to the people of the State of Illinois, the Illinois Supreme Court hereby publicly and officially expresses its deep appreciation for the many years of service and the wise counsel of Joe Tybor.

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