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Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd comments on the Death of Allegheny County Veterans Court Judge John Zottola

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd, liaison to the Veterans Court program, released the following statement on the passing of Allegheny County Judge John Zottola, founder of the county’s Veterans Court program:

“Pennsylvania is mourning the loss of a dedicated public servant. Judge Zottola was respected by all those who came before him as well as by his colleagues in the judiciary, and will be deeply missed.

“Judge Zottola was an exceptional jurist and a champion for veterans. He envisioned a court program in which veterans with substance abuse or mental health issues in need of assistance could find respite – and he brought that vision to life. He changed the lives of veterans involved in the criminal justice system, helping them to readjust to civilian life. His passing leaves a void not only in the courts but in the lives of all who had the honor of knowing him.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and colleagues.”

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