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PORTRAIT DEDICATION CEREMONY

Frankfort, KY: The portrait of Honorable Joseph E. Lambert will be presented to the Supreme Court of Kentucky at a dedication ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Honorable James L. Deckard and Honorable Jason Nemes, Co-Chairs of the Resolution Committee will make the presentation to the Court. The portrait will hang in the corridors of the second floor of the Capitol Building.

Chief Justice Lambert, was first elected from the 3rd Supreme Court District as a member of the Court in 1986. He was subsequently re-elected in 1994 and 2002. He became Kentucky’s fourth Chief Justice in October 1998 and was later re-elected to two additional four-year terms as Chief Justice. During his 10-year tenure as Chief Justice, the Kentucky Court of Justice made great strides in Family Courts, judicial facilities, court technology, Drug Courts, judicial education, pretrial services and diversity awareness.

Retired Chief Lambert, a native of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, holds a
bachelor's degree from Georgetown (Ky.) College and a juris doctor from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, which gave him its Distinguished Alumni Award. He has received honorary doctor of laws degrees from Georgetown College, Eastern Kentucky University and Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law.

In October 2007, U.S. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. appointed Chief Justice Lambert to membership on the Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction of the Judicial Conference of the United States. The Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy gave Chief Justice Lambert its Public Service Award in 2006. In 2004, he received the Civil Rights Award from both the Northern Kentucky NAACP and the Lexington NAACP for his commitment to eliminating discrimination. In 2003, he was awarded the Kentucky Bar Association President's Special Service Award. He was given the Kentucky Public Advocate Award in 2001, and in 2000 the Kentucky Bar Association named him Outstanding Judge of Kentucky and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals gave him its Leadership Award.

Chief Justice Lambert has been a frequent lecturer at bar conferences and has authored articles for publication in scholarly journals and the Kentucky Bar Association's Bench and Bar magazine. He has also participated in numerous national legal education events as an invited speaker or panelist. He is a former board member of the National Conference of Chief Justices and a former regent of Eastern Kentucky University. He formerly served as board chair of the Kentucky Judicial Form Retirement Plan.
In 2008 Joseph E. Lambert resigned from the Supreme Court of Kentucky and joined the Senior Judge program where he was a Special Judge or the Court of Appeals for five years. Lambert is now in private practice with his son Joseph Patrick Lambert in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.