



Equal Justice: Bridging the
Language Divide

Consortium for State Court Interpreter Certification

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS *Robert Joe Lee* was responsible for establishing New Jersey's Language Services section of the judiciary, which has served as a model program for other states for many years; and

WHEREAS *Robert Joe* was a major contributor to the establishment of the Consortium for State Court Interpreter Certification, which has grown from four to forty state members in the past fourteen years, and has served actively and honorably on its Technical and Executive Committees since its inception;

WHEREAS *Robert Joe* has made many important intellectual contributions to the delivery of language services in the state courts across the country and has significantly advanced the pursuit of equal access to justice for linguistic minorities in the United States; and

WHEREAS *Robert Joe* is retiring from the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts and will no longer represent the State of New Jersey as its official representative to the Consortium for State Court Interpreter Certification;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Consortium for State Court Interpreter Certification express their deep appreciation and gratitude to Robert Joe Lee for his many achievements and years of significant and valuable service dedicated to eliminating language barriers to the courts, and offer him sincere best wishes in his well-deserved retirement.

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***Adopted by members of the Consortium at its annual business meeting on
Monday, October 20, 2008 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania***