

**REMARKS OF
ROBERT J. CORDY AT
THE OCCASION OF THE
ACCEPTANCE AND HANGING OF THE
PORTRAIT OF
CHIEF JUSTICE MARGARET MARSHALL**

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It is with deep regret that I am unable to be with Chief Justice Marshall, her friends and colleagues, on this wonderful occasion. It is so very fitting that her portrait is to be proudly and permanently displayed in this historic courthouse. She was the driving force in the restoration of this building -- now the permanent home of the judicial branch of our government. And, to the surprise of no one I am sure, she used all of her persuasive might to ensure that it was named after one of her historic heroes -- John Adams. It is indeed his mighty invention -- an independent Judiciary committed to the fair and impartial administration of the laws, and dedicated to the protection of the fundamental rights, liberties, and dignities of all people -- that has made our history in Massachusetts and the United States so unique.

The hanging of this portrait here both celebrates that history, and commemorates Chief Justice Marshall's contributions to ensuring a vibrant, independent, and respected Judiciary for decades to come.

Congratulations to her and, of course, to the artist who has captured her so well.