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HONORABLE PIERRE P. GARVEN

In Memoriam

CHIEF JUSTICE HUGHES: The New Jersey Supreme Court has scheduled this ceremonial session to honor the memory of its late Chief Justice, Pierre Garven. The untimely death of this young, just and gentle man, on October 19th last, saddened the whole State, and particularly members of the Bench and Bar who knew him so well. We are honored by the presence here of Mrs. Pierre Garven, several of their children and members of his family. The Court thus pauses in its work, for a little while, to hear and speak and think of this good man, in memoriam.

The shadow of man's life is cast with clearest definition in his own home-place, in this case Bergen County. The Court will be pleased to hear from Mr. Octavius Orbe, a close family friend, who will present a Resolution, and since he's a member of the Bergen County Bar Association, I will ask Mr. Daniel Gilady who is President of the Bergen County Bar Association first to introduce Mr. Orbe and then later to address the Court himself.

Mr. Gilady.

MR. GILADY: If you please, sir. I should like to present to the Court, as your Honor has suggested, a very close personal friend of the late Chief Justice, a present trustee of the State Bar of New Jersey and a former president of our Bar Association, Octavius A. Orbe.

CHIEF JUSTICE HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Gilady. Mr. Orbe.

MR. ORBE: Thank you. Mr. Chief Justice, Associate Justices, may it please the Court.

We are here today to pay tribute to a lawyer — to a man called away in the prime years of his manhood, at a time

when he had just assumed the mantle of Chief Justice of our State.

He was the only son of a distinguished New Jersey lawyer who, himself, was in the public service for many years and who died when the late Chief Justice was only a boy of twelve. Young Pierre was raised quietly in modest circumstances by his mother, to whom he was a devoted son, not only throughout his early years, but also in his busy later years when he served as a lawyer and Judge. She helped impart to him the high sense of moral values, the qualities of dependability and dedication that he manifested throughout his life.

He attended Ridgewood High School, where he played football, and graduated in 1943, in the midst of the war years of World War II. Anxious to serve, he convinced his mother, when he was 17, to consent to his volunteering in the Army Air Corps, which he did in the spring of 1943. Awaiting call-up, he matriculated at Princeton University in June of 1943, and left on his eighteenth birthday to train with the 340th Bomb Group formed at Mitchell Field. He was assigned to B-24's and served as a gunner-bombardier with distinction, in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, while serving with the unit which won many citations. He participated in 78 combat missions and was awarded the Air Medal. He rarely spoke of his flying days — for he had seen, at firsthand, the misery and suffering of war and had experienced the loss of many of his friends.

He was discharged in June of 1945 and returned to Princeton. His days at Princeton were good days for him. In his quiet way, with his gentle sense of humor, he made many lasting friendships, earned fine grades, participated on the athletic teams, and was active in campus life. He remained always an enthusiastic alumnus, and spoke frequently and warmly of his college memories and friendships.

In 1948, he graduated from Princeton and commenced his legal education — an educational process that he was to pursue all of the remainder of his life.

He entered New York University Law School and, to help at home, attended night classes while working during the day for an insurance company. He graduated in 1951, passed the New York Bar examination, and then commenced his clerkship in New Jersey in a small firm in Ridgewood. Admitted to the Bar in New Jersey in 1952, he started practice as an Associate with the Newark law firm of McCarter, English & Studer, where he was assigned to the trial section. Quickly, he earned recognition as a bright, up-and-coming trial attorney, and, in 1954, he was named an Assistant United States Attorney in Newark, where he soon headed up the Criminal Division. During his tenure he prosecuted a number of well-known figures of the time and earned the respect of the Federal Bench and the Bar as an able, thoroughly dedicated lawyer with a quiet, straightforward, convincing manner.

In 1956, he resigned to form, with two of his closest friends, a three-man law partnership in Hackensack. Here he engaged in the general practice of law, but his affection was always for the trial practice, both in civil and criminal matters, and he continued to season and develop as a skilled litigator. He soon won the esteem and friendship of the members of the trial bar in northern New Jersey, and he could count among them virtually all of the established, senior trial men of the area. Most importantly, he demonstrated to all with whom he came into contact that he was one of their peers. He practiced law in the highest traditions of the profession, with complete devotion to its disciplines, and with utmost compassion for those in difficulty. Those who worked with him attest that he never refused to press a deserving claim or take up a defense because of a person's lack of funds. Money never was of great consequence to him. Obviously, he knew he required funds for himself and his family, but that was the extent of it.

In 1968 he was appointed Clerk of the State Assembly, a post which he thoroughly enjoyed and in which he served with zeal and distinction. It was in this position that he

learned firsthand the legislative process in action and observed the operation of state government, two experiences that would prove invaluable to him.

In November of the same year, he was sworn in as Bergen County Counsel, and he brought to this new public responsibility his characteristic energy and dedication.

Soon he was to have his first judicial experience, for in the spring of 1969 he was appointed Judge of the Bergen County Court. He served in this position less than a year, but, during that short period, he earned the affection and admiration not only of his judicial colleagues, but also of the court personnel who worked with him. His elevation to the Bench did not change his demeanor. As a judge, he was the same quiet, unassuming person he had always been and dealt with those appearing before him — lawyers, litigants, and jurors — with the same genuine courtesy and concern he had always shown as a practicing attorney. But, in spite of his modest, relaxed manner, all those who came before his Court realized they were in the presence of a competent, effective and fair jurist.

In January of 1970 he was designated Counsel to Governor William T. Cahill, serving as both personal counsel to the Governor and as the Governor's chief legal advisor. He was called upon to and did form an able legal staff which he led through the example of his own tireless effort. He labored long hours, frequently late into the night, and then would return to his home in Ridgewood only to leave in the early hours to be in his office in Trenton. Typical of him, he chose to travel from Ridgewood to Trenton and back each day rather than to uproot his young family from their home. On the occasion of a bus strike, for example, the Governor, the Governor's Labor Representative, and he worked all through the night and around the clock to effect an early settlement to a labor dispute that had caused wide disruption.

In his post as Counsel to the Governor, he came to know many of the political leaders of the State, and soon earned

wide recognition as an effective spokesman for the Governor. Cabinet officers, legislators, and members of the judiciary, as well, consulted him, for they respected his judgment and integrity. He was frequently referred to, in the press, as the Assistant Governor — a title which, though unofficial, accurately described his role.

Among the responsibilities that weighed heavily upon him was that of insuring that only the most qualified persons be appointed to the Bench, and it is no secret that in this process, as in others, the Governor came to rely heavily on his opinion. During his tenure as counsel to the Governor, 245 judicial candidates for appointment, reappointment, or elevation were passed upon, most certainly the greatest number in the period of 3½ years, in the State's history. Included in that number were three members of the present Supreme Court.

In April of 1973, he was appointed Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, effective upon the retirement of Chief Justice Joseph Weintraub. In the interim, he was sworn in as an Associate Justice in May, 1973, and took the oath of office as Chief Justice in September of that year.

Throughout his journey upward, his personality remained unaffected by the increasing responsibilities and power he assumed. In offices where he had power at his command, he used that power sparingly and wisely, seeking always to do what he conceived to be right and just, as a true servant of the people. While holding public office, he consistently shunned praise and public recognition and always insisted on remaining in the background.

On the surface of things, it seems almost paradoxical that a quiet, modest man who never sought any public office should have held so many. Few among us have ever held or will ever hold any public office. In his short but meaningful career, Pierre Garven held an important position in every branch and at every level of government. But, it was not by accident that on each occasion it was the office which sought him rather than he who sought the office. For his total dedi-

cation to the task at hand, his competency, his sense of proportion and fairness, his integrity and unflagging effort, these were qualities that could not be hidden behind his humble person.

His accomplishments were not without their price. Having given so unsparingly of himself to so many, his health, which he took for granted, failed him. In November of 1972 he became gravely ill and he never totally recovered. But he would not permit illness to slow his work, nor did he find time for self-pity or remorse. Instead, he continued on his appointed work as though by sheer force of will he could overcome his illness.

Even in the time of his illness, his quiet sense of humor never failed him. During his frequent hospital treatments in the last year of his life, he could be found, in his typical well-worn weekend clothes, cheering and encouraging others who were similarly afflicted, and doctors, nurses, and patients alike came to look forward to his visits.

The humility which characterized his being was expressed in his opening address as Chief Justice at the Annual Judges' Seminar on September 5, 1973, at Cherry Hill and I quote.

"I recognize that in this room, there are men who have devoted years of their lives to the Judiciary, who are far more skilled and intelligent than I, who have an abundance of experience that I can never equal. Recognizing this, fate has dictated that I assume the position of Chief Justice. Whatever my limitations, and there are many, I shall do my best * * *".

Fate also dictated that his tenure as Chief Justice would be brief. But in the very few days that were his, he demonstrated his ability to assume the heavy burden as administrative head of all the Courts of the State. He set out as an immediate goal the task of reducing the heavy backlog in the Courts; he appointed a Sixth Part to the Appellate Division; he created a new Civil Practice Committee and a Criminal Practice Committee to come to grips with trial court problems; he called for a reorganization of the Mu-

municipal Court system, which would preserve what he called its "enviable features," but which would transfer part of its criminal jurisdiction to a division to be created in the County District Court; he advocated training for Municipal Court Judges and tenure for those who had proven their capabilities. He emphasized an intention to pursue a warm relationship between Bench and Bar and set out to visit the various Bar groups to foster this objective.

His tenure, though brief, showed great promise, and in this knowledge, the tragedy of his loss bore the more heavily on all who knew him.

This recitation of his professional life and public career tends to obscure the real man behind the office. He was first and foremost a genuinely warm affable man. All who worked with him or for him quickly came not only to respect him but to like him as a person. He had a way of enriching the lives of all who came into contact with him. Perhaps it was the million little kindnesses that he did for people, big and small, that in the end were so important.

He enjoyed the love and companionship of a wonderful wife and five children. To these, he was completely devoted, enjoying the simple pleasures of a good home above all else.

In his illness, his wife was a source of unflagging strength to him. She maintained a cheerful presence and joined in the steadfast devotion to the tasks that he had set out for himself, although she knew the sacrifices he had to make. She knew, better than all others, that he could only be truly at ease when he was doing what he wanted to do, to be of service to others. In his own words, as he concluded his remarks to the Judicial Seminar:

"* * * You can be assured that I am most willing to give you every ounce of assistance I can generate. Operating alone we fail. Working together we can accomplish our mutual goal of true justice."

At a time in man's history when many of us have succeeded in making our lives increasingly complex and confused, the life of Pierre P. Garven should serve as an inspiration. Here,

indeed, was a man who pursued the simple life, who held high the ageless values of honor, love of country, devotion to family, dedication to profession, compassion, and self-sacrifice, and yet was able to attain high office without compromising his ideals and to discharge the duties of each office with singular distinction.

In the measure of life, it is not the number of years that one lives that is significant, but rather the way one lives the years given to him. Pierre P. Garven lived out his relatively short years in a way that has left all who came in contact with him better people for it.

We shall miss him.

Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice.

CHIEF JUSTICE HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Orbe, for that beautiful tribute which will be received and spread on the Minutes of this Court as a permanent memorial to Chief Justice Garven.

The Court observes and welcomes some of its former members of the judiciary including our beloved former colleague Justice Vincent Haneman, and Appellate Division Judges Kolovsky and Fritz and Judge Goldmann, and there may be other members of the Court here, but I'll reach them later.

Mr. Gilady, would you care to add.

MR. GILADY: Mr. Chief Justice, Honorable Associate Justices, Mrs. Garven, honored guests.

As president of the Bergen County Bar Association, I am privileged to address the Court to honor the late Chief Justice Pierre P. Garven.

He was a practicing lawyer in our county, a member of our Bar Association, a Judge of the Bergen County Court, counsel to Governor Cahill, and was then appointed an Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court. Shortly thereafter, on the retirement of Chief Justice Weintraub, Justice Garven was appointed Chief Justice of our State's highest court.

He was the first attorney from Bergen County to serve on our new Supreme Court and certainly, therefore, the first Chief Justice of our highest court to have come from Bergen County. All of us were deeply honored and, admittedly, very proud of his appointment.

His service as Chief Justice was terminated so suddenly and so tragically, and yet, in that short span of time he generated a feeling of expectancy, perhaps of great expectation, throughout the ranks of the attorneys of New Jersey.

This very quiet, very personable gentleman somehow communicated to all of us that there was to be a new spirit of cooperation between Bench and Bar; that there was to be a continuance of the attack on calendar problems, that there was to be increased liaison through proper channels, and that there was to be creative thinking applied to old problems. In the space of less than two months, through judicial conferences with his associate justices and through meetings with representative attorneys' groups, he accomplished what might have taken someone else years to achieve. His rapport with his fellow justices, judges and attorneys was accomplished instantaneously.

He will be deeply missed by all of us and he will never be forgotten.

Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice.

CHIEF JUSTICE HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Gilady. That statement, too, will be spread on the Court's Minutes.

The Court also welcomes and recognizes Attorney General of New Jersey Honorable William Hyland.

The few months of Chief Justice Garven's tenure, that were much too few, gave promise of a very warm relationship between the Court and the lawyers of New Jersey as represented by the New Jersey State Bar Association. I know my colleagues would wish me to state our intentions to adhere to this tradition.

The President-Elect of the Association is here to represent it, in the absence of President Ruvoldt, who is attending the American Bar Association meeting in Houston,

Texas. The Court will now be pleased to hear from Mr. Stanley Brotman.

Mr. Brotman.

MR. BROTMAN: Mr. Chief Justice, Associate Justices, may it please the Court.

As the Chief Justice has stated, Mr. Ruvoldt is presently attending the American Bar Association Mid-Winter Meeting in Houston, Texas, as a delegate of the State Bar Association. Since he could not be with us today he has asked me to convey to the Court and to Mrs. Garven his regret at not being present. He has also requested that I read his remarks which he had prepared for this memorial tribute.

Time has already enshrined Chief Justice Pierre P. Garven in the legal history of our State as a great lawyer and renowned jurist. In his short span of life, he personified the five attributes: counselling; advocacy; improving his profession, the courts and the law; leadership in molding public opinion; and the unselfish holding of public office. These combined with his human personality gave him the image of a great lawyer as defined by Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt. All these commendable attributes were part of the true character of Chief Justice Garven. His was a driving force of dedication to the law.

To him the law was the safeguard of liberties. It was the life of every man, woman and child in every community throughout our State and nation. From the law must come, in his words "the highest quality of justice." He knew as he was robed as Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, that in the search for the highest quality of justice and excellence in judicial administration, there must be "a renewal of unity of the Bench and Bar." A unity that acknowledged the preeminence of our judicial system and yet gave recognition to the fact that, "It is not a wise rule of life that nothing should be done for the first time." He urged that the judiciary and the bar must continue to jointly move forward toward greater perfection in the administration of justice in our State.

His elevation to Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court won the acclaim and approval of the judiciary, the bar and the people of New Jersey.

Judicial history has never recorded a greater magnetic force of unity of the bench and the bar, than Chief Justice Garven's call for a togetherness of the judiciary and lawyers of New Jersey toward achieving justice in the new era of judicial administration in our state.

He was untiring in his efforts. He spent endless hours in preparation of guidelines for the implementation of a unity that would bring about his goal of excellence in our system of justice. In his 45 days' tenure as Chief Justice, he convinced the judges and lawyers of this State of the need of revitalization of justice. God had destined that Chief Justice Garven would leave for posterity the plan for excellence in judicial administration to serve the people of New Jersey. The plan characteristic of his life was founded upon integrity, quality of performance and devotion to the interest and the welfare of the people of our State. He urged the fulfillment of the sacred responsibilities of the respective roles of the judiciary and the bar to achieve a desired goal. He said, "Working together we can accomplish our mutual goal of justice." His words so pregnant with meaning will be a heritage for all who love the law and believe in it as the anchor of our civilization.

He gave to us the heritage of his faith and trust in the judiciary and the bar of our State. We, the members of the bar, together with our judiciary, will embrace the heritage he has transmitted to us. We shall live with him, in the light of justice, that he has rekindled within our hearts. May it ever be an eternal flame that will glow in every courthouse and courtroom throughout the State of New Jersey, in perpetual tribute to Chief Justice Pierre P. Garven and an inspiration to the judiciary, the bar and the people of New Jersey.

Also, if it please the Court, I would like to add a personal comment. When thinking of our late Chief Justice as a pub-

lic figure and as a man, there comes to my mind the words of the Prophet Micah regarding what the Lord requires of man in the conduct of his days. To do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God. Chief Justice Garven did justice, Judge Pierre Garven loved mercy and Pete Garven walked humbly with his God. May it be God's will that Pete Garven rest in peace.

CHIEF JUSTICE HUGHES: Thank you, President Brotman. The Court appreciates very much what you have said.

In recent years there were few men closer in philosophy, in mutual respect and loyalty, and in hard work in the processes of government, than were Judge Garven, as his Counsel, and Governor Cahill. The former Governor of New Jersey has left many distinguished marks on the history of this State. He does this Court, as well as the family of Judge Garven, much honor in coming here today to speak about his friend.

We extend a warm welcome, and our thanks, to former Governor William T. Cahill.

Governor Cahill.

GOVERNOR CAHILL: Mr. Chief Justice, Associate Justices, with the permission of the Court, Governor Brendan Byrne, Mrs. Garven and her family, and if it please the Court.

While I'm sure all of the members of this Court know that I'm deeply honored to participate in this memorial to the late Chief Justice Pierre Garven, I do so with mixed emotions and a heavy heart. His death at the very summit of his personal, professional and family life has saddened all who loved him. But, for Bill Cahill it was a great personal loss of a dedicated, loyal co-worker and a trusted and wise counsellor. But my sadness and that of his many friends is interwoven with our pride in his accomplishments and our gratitude that we were privileged to know Pete Garven and call him friend.

As has been said, Justice Garven left the Bergen County Court to serve as my personal Counsel. No man, no man has ever served the Governor more faithfully, loyally and wisely

than Pierre Garven. In a very real sense Pierre Garven personified the very highest standards of public service. His intelligence, understanding and judgment, his integrity, compassion and deep sense of justice played a major role in the always difficult decision-making that is the hallmark of the office of Governor.

I had the great honor to appoint five members of this great Court. Pierre Garven played a major role in the selection process in four of those appointments, and would unquestionably have applauded the selection of his successor.

The quality of those appointments and their universal acclaim by Bench, Bar and general public attests to his wise counsel.

Pierre Garven actively participated in every major legislative accomplishment for three productive years. In many executive efforts he was the difference between success and failure. Pete Garven stood quietly but resolutely and effectively at my side during every crisis, and his calm judgments under stress and his rare ability to generate trust, confidence and respect was invaluable to me personally and to the ultimate solution of many critical problems affecting our citizens.

Chief Justice Garven had a unique record of government service. He performed with distinction in all three branches of government, and on a county, state and federal level. In every area he made contributions that will long endure. In a short 47 years he lived a full, eventful and unusually happy and successful life. He achieved what every lawyer agrees is the ultimate; a Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, and he climbed the legal Matterhorn. He became Chief Justice.

His death while sad and tragic is the decision of the all wise final Chief Judge and must be, must be in accord with the eternal system of justice. It is always difficult to describe a man like Pete Garven. His great humility hid his many virtues and achievements even from the closest observer. Able lawyer, wise counsellor, distinguished jurist, yes, but above all, above all else Pete Garven was a warm and decent human

being, a devoted and loving husband and father. The Bard must have envisioned Pete Garven when he wrote, "His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice.

CHIEF JUSTICE HUGHES: Thank you very much, Governor, very much indeed.

The Court also recognizes the presence here of Governor Brendan Byrne who has come to us today in respect to the memory of Chief Justice Garven. Governor Byrne with his customary courtesy, has wished, instead of speaking, to defer to Governor Cahill. But your presence here in these busy days, Governor Byrne, itself speaks very eloquently and we are all most grateful to you for coming.

The Court has requested that its response be made by its distinguished member, Mr. Justice Morris Pashman.

Justice Pashman.

JUSTICE PASHMAN: Thank you, sir.

Your words truly have captured the essence of Pierre P. Garven. This Court shares your sense of loss. The observations which you have made describe poignantly this mild, soft-spoken man.

I served as Assignment Judge during his brief tenure on the bench in Bergen County. He presided over trials of important civil disputes in his own disarmingly direct manner. Lawyers and judges alike quickly came to admire his low-key but highly principled style of adjudication.

The vagaries of politics drew him to Trenton, as Counsel to Governor Cahill. Those of us who spoke to him with some frequency in the next 3½ years know how he gave of himself in unremitting endeavor. He proved a formidable and tireless administrator, as orders and directives and mountains of work issued from his small anteroom adjoining the Governor's office. The challenges of the work-a-day operation of state government were met and mastered by Governor's Counsel Garven, as he demonstrated an uncanny ability to organize

problems and bring minds together with compromise and solution.

Governor Cahill is the best witness to the administrative skills of Pete Garven. His words most eloquently recall the personality, the warmth, the compassion and the graciousness of this man to whom we give grateful recognition.

He sat only 45 days as Chief Justice, but no man could have crowded more into that brief span. He presided in that capacity for the first time at Cherry Hill on September 5, 1973. Two hundred and sixty judges assembled at the Judicial Conference and listened as their new Chief Justice outlined an innovative program for the reform of judicial administration. He spoke of changes to come — civil and criminal — administrative, constitutional, statutory and decisional. There was to be no tinkering with our court system. He recognized the solid foundation of the present system upon which we could build; but he saw the need to adapt, to be flexible and creative, so that we might search out and solve the problems facing the Courts today.

Pierre Garven stated his goal, in his words, "Equal justice for all." And he saw the importance of trying to realize that ideal in our judicial work, for in the effort, futile though it be, as with any attempt at perfection, for in the very effort to achieve justice for all, we prove ourselves civilized and humane.

At Cherry Hill, he said, "Tradition must be our guide, tradition cannot be our master." I fully subscribe to that.

We must identify the principles by which our law is structured, and we should realize that those principles are not static, but must be cultivated and developed if they are to serve our changing needs for social justice. Pierre Garven eagerly faced the challenge, ready to be guided by the good and the moral and the wise of the past so that we might better meet the future.

After a 1½-hour presentation at Cherry Hill, this modest and friendly man sat down to a standing ovation. He gen-

erated a new enthusiasm which swept bench and bar throughout the State. Forty-five days later he died in his prime.

He strove to continue and further integrity, quality and performance of the courts, the hallmark of New Jersey justice under the stewardship of his predecessors. The challenge included an assault upon the problem of overworked judges, case backlogs and lawyers operating under excessive pressures. The Chief Justice called for a new and greater involvement and commitment by all judges, lawyers, and bar associations and the executive and legislative departments of government, to advance the public interest in the fields of civil and criminal justice.

Pierre Garven was a man ruled not by ambition but rather a man ruled by principle and high ideal. I think that some people who did not know him might have mistaken his soft-spoken eloquence as unawareness or indecision, but this is far from the truth and incredible to those who knew him well.

The Chief Justice was truly a man of humility and I think that is precisely where his strength lay. He had no use for gruff or caustic confrontation; each individual who crossed his path, he treated with a reverence and gentleness seldom encountered in a professional man, an attitude bred from respect for human dignity and judicial discourse. An acid or bludgeoning manner, he thought would disserve judicial integrity and abuse judicial power. Would that others entrusted with public power could exercise it with equal restraint and humility.

He was retiring and self-effacing. The Chief Justice was a solitary individual, a man of private thoughts and actions. This is not because he did not care, but because he cared too much.

His was a happy mixture of humility and humor. And that mixture was always the expression of a loving heart. He set one at ease moments after conversation began, because he inspired trust; one intuitively sensed his integrity and passion for fair play. He never learned to hate.

Well, in these few minutes our Court has paused to think about the meaning of a life, the life of a thinker and doer. We have come here to express our thoughts about a dear friend, a brother judge, justice, Chief Justice, and more, yes, much more.

Pete Garven will not be remembered for his infallibility because he knew and readily admitted his shortcomings and mistakes. He will be remembered as a man of purpose and vision, and in this pursuit he died.

It is a most tragic event when a young man full of courage, strength and exuberance for life is cut down. This world is surely a strange place in which to live.

Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice, for the honor of permitting me to respond in behalf of the Court.

CHIEF JUSTICE HUGHES: Thank you, Justice Pashman.

The Court appreciates the presence of all who have come here this morning. The Court will now recess briefly and Mrs. Garven and the members of the Court will have a brief informal reception in is conference room where those of you who wish may come and greet her.

The Court will stand in recess until 11:15 a.m.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, SANDRA L. FUSCO DELORENZO, a Certified Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate transcript of my original stenographic notes taken at the time and place hereinbefore set forth.

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