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## Judges, attorneys honor longtime service of Aubrey Duffey

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The Carroll County Bar Association honored Senior Judge Aubrey Duffey Friday with a portrait of himself, paying tribute to a man who served for decades on the bench. Duffey, who retired in 2004, was joined by relatives, friends and colleagues.

"I have known Duffey for a very long time, more than 30 years now, and I remember when he ran for office originally," said Coweta Judicial Circuit Superior Court Judge John Simpson. "He had a large victory to be State Court judge, then years later was appointed for Superior Court judge."

Judge William Lee spoke of Duffey's hard work, of his sound judgement and how he would never skip out on work. "A judge is supposed to move the cases and he did that," said Lee. "It seems simple but it's to be taken to heart when said, Judge Duffey is a good guy."

"Duffey is such a consistent person," said Simpson. "He really embodies what a judge should be. He is honest, courteous and faithful with everything he says and does and with everyone he encounters. He has been a tremendous help to me and I thank him."

Carroll County attorney Jason Swindle met Duffey as a young lawyer, and remembers him being kind. But Duffey, Swindle said, proved over the years to be much more.

"As a young lawyer you think you don't know much those first years, and that's because it's true," said Swindle. "Judge Duffey was patient with me. He taught me courtroom conduct, how to treat other attorneys, and how reasonable prosecutors can be in the circuit. He also taught me when to stop talking. He would say "at any rate," which means, "I've made a decision and you need to shut up."

Attorney Tommy Greer said that portraits in the courthouse serve as a visual reminders of the difficult positions judges take. Greer said a "thank you" for Duffey's service was long overdue.

"Judge Duffey is a legacy and we want this portrait to be a reminder of who he is and what he has done for us," said Carroll County Bar Association President Cynthia Daley. "I have known Duffey for most of my life. He swore me into the bar. Duffey is so humble that he was not letting anyone know about this ceremony. It took me three weeks to get him to sit for his portrait because he said he didn't deserve this."

Duffey, when presented the portrait, said he was very humbled and that he appreciated everyone for their love and support. Bar members worked together in funding the portrait. Duffey's portrait was presented to Judge Simpson in honor of Duffey and has been donated to the Carroll County Courthouse fourth floor.