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Honorable Susan Baker Ross
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General Division

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Judge Susan Baker Ross Honors Valor Court Founder Amy Corrigan Jones with Commemorative Portrait in Recognition of National Treatment Court Month

Summit County, Ohio: May is National Treatment Court Month and for almost 30 years, All Rise, formerly known as the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, has been the leading treatment court movement in the nation. Their annual May celebration is inclusive of all treatment court types: adult, family, juvenile, impaired driving, tribal healing to wellness and veterans' treatment courts. This celebration provides an opportunity for Treatment Courts across the nation to share their successes, educate the public and engage elected officials and other key stakeholders.

In recognition of this month, Summit County Valor Court Presiding Judge Susan Baker Ross unveiled a commemorative portrait of Amy Corrigan Jones in honor of her founding Valor Court and her lasting impact and dedication to justice, treatment, and veteran support. The portrait will be permanently hung in Ross' courtroom and will hang with portraits of other judges who previously presided in that space.

"Judge Jones's vision, compassion, and unwavering dedication transformed Valor Court from an idea into a locally recognized model of justice, treatment, and hope. She understood that veterans returning to civilian life often carry invisible wounds — and she believed deeply that our justice system could and should offer them a path to healing. I am honored to carry on her legacy of service to our veteran population at the Court." said Judge Ross.

Jones served on the General Division's bench from 2012 to 2022. During that time, she was elected as presiding judge for one term and administrative judge for six years. Jones

established Summit County Valor Court (2013) as well as the SCORR (Summit County Offender Recidivism Reduction) Program (2019). Both programs provide therapeutic justice and rehabilitation for community members in the justice system.

“I am filled with gratitude for, both, Judge Ross and the Valor Court team’s recognition of my service and for making Valor Court one of the best in the state of Ohio.” said Jones.

According to Judge Ross, Jones has also been appointed to the Summit County Valor Court Advisory Committee where she can continue serving veterans.

To learn more about Summit County Valor Court please go to:

<https://www.summitcpcourt.net/about-the-court/programs/valor-court/>

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