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### **JUDGE CHARLES W. “TIM” McCOY TO RECEIVE “FREEDOM OF INFORMATION” AWARD FROM SOUTHLAND BROADCASTERS**

(Universal City, Calif.)—Judge Charles W. “Tim” McCoy will receive the 2011 Freedom of Information Award at the 61<sup>st</sup> annual Golden Mike Awards in January at the Universal Hilton Hotel, the Radio & Television News Assn. of Southern California (RTNA) announced today.

McCoy has just completed two years as the presiding judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, the nation’s largest trial court system, during a time that the nation—and the courts—faced a severe economic downturn and unemployment. In March of this year alone the LA court system had to lay off more than 300 employees and was in danger of additional steep cutbacks as well as closure of dozens of courthouses.

“Thanks to Judge McCoy’s creativity and persistence in dealing with leaders of all three branches of state government, further disruptions were averted and courtroom doors remained open to serve the needs of our huge urban population,” said Royal Oakes, general counsel of RTNA.

“He’s also been a champion of freedom of information,” Oakes added, “working with the court system’s Media Committee to maintain effective, ongoing communications with local and national news organizations and to provide improved media access to courtrooms and court records.”

Judge McCoy is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served as a Marine Corps captain. He was appointed to the judiciary in 1992 by Governor Pete Wilson and is a graduate of Purdue University and the University of Texas School of Law.

The “FOI” award will be presented on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011 at the Golden Mike Awards which honor the best in radio, television, and internet broadcast journalism in Southern California.

The Radio & Television News Assn. of Southern California is the non-profit group representing broadcast newsrooms in Los Angeles, San Diego and other markets from Bakersfield south to the Mexican border.

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