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Courthouse Renamed E. Maurice Braswell County Courthouse

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Courthouse was officially renamed the Judge E. Maurice Braswell Cumberland County Courthouse in a ceremony this morning in the courtyard at the front entrance of the building, located at 117 Dick St.

Family and friends of the late Braswell were on hand for the ceremony, which included the unveiling of a bronze plaque commemorating the renaming. The plaque will be installed inside the front entrance and contains the names of County and Court leaders.

Braswell died Jan. 30 after more than 50 years as a public servant. He was a decorated World War II veteran and prisoner of war. After World War II, Braswell earned his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and opened his legal practice in Fayetteville in 1950. He was later hired as the assistant solicitor, or what is known today as Assistant District Attorney. Braswell served as an assistant solicitor, solicitor, superior court judge, judge of the court of appeals and special emergency superior court judge.

Braswell was instrumental in the construction of the Courthouse, which was approved in 1975 and opened in 1978. He served on the Courthouse Construction Advisory Committee.

The Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to rename the Courthouse after Senior Resident Superior Court Judge James Ammons Jr. and Cumberland County Register of Deeds Lee Warren presented a petition to commissioners requesting the courthouse bear Braswell's name.

“Naming the Cumberland County Courthouse after Judge Braswell is a wonderful way to honor a man who had such a significant impact on this community and our court system,” said Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Glenn Adams, who presided over today's ceremony. “His name emblazoned on our Courthouse will serve as a reminder of his legacy and all he did for Cumberland County.

“I think if Judge Braswell were here today, he would say he did not deserve this honor and that he was just doing his duty,” said Superior Court Judge James Ammons Jr. “Let me publicly thank the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners for honoring him in this most deserving manner.”

[Click here](#) to watch a video about Judge Braswell.

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Family members of the late Judge E. Maurice Braswell view the new plaque that will be installed inside the Judge E. Maurice Braswell Cumberland County Courthouse. The Courthouse was officially renamed today in honor and memory of Braswell, a World War II veteran and POW with more than 50 years of public service.

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