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Rush Hudson Limbaugh Sr. United States Courthouse Dedication

Cape Girardeau, Mo. – Federal officials, judges, members of the Missouri congressional delegation and more than 500 guests were on hand this morning to officially dedicate the new U.S. Courthouse in honor of Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr.

The courthouse has been named in honor of Limbaugh as a tribute to his involvement in the Cape Girardeau community.

“The citizens of Southeast Missouri have long awaited the new, modern and ‘green’ building to their judiciary and other government offices,” said Missouri Senator Christopher S. “Kit” Bond (R-Mo.). “The Rush Hudson Limbaugh Sr. United States Courthouse is a lasting tribute to Mr. Limbaugh’s decades of service to his community, state and nation, and his beloved legal profession. For generations to come, cases will be decided in this monument to justice that will have an impact on all our citizens.”

Limbaugh Sr. received his legal training at the University of Missouri Columbia and practiced law for nearly 80 years until his death in 1996 at the age of 104. At the time, he was the nation’s oldest practicing lawyer.

“Rush Hudson Limbaugh Sr. strongly believed in the presence of our federal courts in Southern Missouri and in rural America,” said Congresswomen Jo Ann Emerson (R-Mo.). “He saw what we know well to be the case today – that the interpretation of the law should be conducted close to the people the law is meant to serve and protect. I am very glad we have this institution in our city and our congressional district, and I am equally

happy that Rush Hudson Limbaugh Sr.’s name is on it.”

The Rush Hudson Limbaugh Sr. U.S. Courthouse officially opened to visitors on June 2. It is situated on a three-acre site and rests atop 170 concrete piers, making the building able to withstand a significant seismic event.

Designed to LEED® standards as certified by the U.S. Green Building Council, sustainable design features include reduced site disturbance, erosion and sedimentation control, alternative transportation accommodations, water efficient landscaping, water use reduction, 10 percent recycled content, 20 percent locally-manufactured materials, low emitting materials and permanent monitoring for thermal comfort.

The courthouse was designed by Fentress-Bradburn Architects of Denver. It was constructed in separate contracts by PCL Construction of Denver and Tarlton Construction Corporation of St. Louis. It has a total area of 173,392 gross square feet, and was completed for \$62 million.

Design and construction was overseen by the U.S. General Services Administration. Funding for the courthouse was first secured in 2002, and the design was completed in April 2004. Officials broke ground on the site in January 2004 and the building’s shell construction was completed in January 2006. Interior finishing and commissioning was completed in May of this year.

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