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2016 National Court Reporting & Captioning Week kicks Off Feb. 14 *Court reporters and captioners nationwide to celebrate profession*

RESTON, Va., Feb. 8, 2016 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, broadcast and CART captioners, and legal videographers, has designated Feb. 14-20 as the 2016 National Court Reporting & Captioning Week. The week-long event is designed to celebrate the court reporting and captioning professions and to help raise public awareness about the growing number of employment opportunities the career offers.

Court reporters, captioners, CART providers, state court reporter associations, and court reporting schools around the country will participate in the week-long event by hosting an array of activities such as visits to high schools to showcase the profession, open houses, Veterans History Project interviews, media outreach, and more. To help celebrate the week, NCRA has made available a vast collection of resources including informational and marketing materials developed for its Take Note campaign that was launched in response to an industry-wide outlook report that determined a need existed to fill jobs in the field.

Additional resources include tips on presenting the benefits of the profession to potential new students, press release templates, social media-appropriate logos and banners, advertisements, and ideas for hosting special activities. NCRA will also support an official legislative recognition of National Court Reporting & Captioning Week and rely on its social media outlets including Facebook, Twitter, and blogs to reach thousands of people throughout the week.

“National Court Reporting & Captioning Week is an opportunity to showcase the valuable work our members do to preserve vital records for historical purposes,” said NCRA President Stephen A. Zinone, RPR, an official court reporter from Canandaigua, N.Y.

“Our profession dates back to 3500 B.C. with the Sumerians who recognized the importance of preserving thought and created written literacy. Then in 63 B.C., the time of Cicero and Tiro, the scribes developed the first shorthand system to record official Roman Senate proceedings, ensuring that the times of the Roman Empire were recorded for future centuries. Just like the history of our great country is worth celebrating, so too is the history of our time-honored profession,” Zinone said.

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“Today we work to preserve thought, preserve history, and support the cornerstone of our justice system, as well as serve the deaf and hard-of-hearing community through providing captioning and CART services. That’s powerful. That’s what we do. I’m very excited about 2016 Court Reporting & Captioning Week and urge everyone in the court reporting and captioning professions to take this opportunity to share with someone more about what they do and help raise the public’s awareness about this wonderful and unique career path,” Zinone added.

You can view Congressman Frank Guinta (New Hampshire) on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives recognizing 2016’s Court Reporting and Captioning Week.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwxqXV6gDJ4>

For more information, visit NCRA.org. Career information about the court reporting profession—one of the leading career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree—can be found at crTakeNote.com.

About NCRA

The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) is internationally recognized for promoting excellence among those who capture and convert the spoken word to text for more than 100 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 16,000 members in achieving the highest level of professional expertise with educational opportunities and industry-recognized court reporting, educator, and videographer certification programs. NCRA impacts legislative issues and the global marketplace through its actively involved membership. Forbes has named court reporting as one of the best career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to grow by 14 percent through the year 2020. For more information, visit NCRA.org.

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