Retiring Clerk of the Board Honored
By Past and Present Hunterdon Officials

Hunterdon County officials past and present, friends and family members, and County employee colleagues joined together at the Freeholder Board meeting in the Historic Courthouse on April 2nd to honor and recognize retiring Clerk of the Board of Freeholders Denise Doolan for forty-two years of loyal and dedicated service to Hunterdon County.

Freeholder Matt Holt, the present Board member who has served the longest with Ms. Doolan, stated, "Denise's institutional history and knowledge, skill and ability, have served generations of Freeholders well. She is someone we could always count on."

Joining Freeholder Holt in saluting Ms. Doolan's service to the County were current Board Director Suzanne Lagay, Deputy Director John Lanza and Board members Shaun Van Doren and Sue Soloway, and Sheriff Fred Brown and Surrogate Susan Hoffman.

Freeholder Board Director Lagay said that from the time a new Freeholder would join the Board, Doolan "took them by the hand" and coached them on the workings of government while explaining the rules and processes. As a result, Doolan "helped the board work together to serve the public."

Also participating in the recognition of Ms. Doolan's long career was Senator Kip Bateman and Assemblyman and past Freeholder Director Erik Peterson, who presented a Proclamation of Recognition from the State Legislature.

Peterson told the assemblage, "Denise knew everything that went on. You never took a side, but you were there to support each side, in a neutral and non-partisan way."

Past officials who participated in the ceremonies included past Board Directors George Melick, Frank Fuzo, John King, and Senator Marcia Karrow, as well as past Freeholder Ron Sworen.

Ms. Doolan, a lifelong Hunterdon County resident, began her County career on July 8, 1977, serving in the Prosecutor's Office and then the Clerk of the Board Office, before being appointed Clerk of the Board by the Freeholders on August 31, 1992.