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CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

DAVID MARGOLIS

*Associate Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Deputy Attorney General*



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The Great Hall
Robert F. Kennedy
Main Justice Building
Washington, D.C.



Mr. Margolis grew up in Hartford, Connecticut. He wanted to be a rock 'n' roll deejay, but his father insisted he become a lawyer. He received his undergraduate degree from Brown University in 1961 and his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1964.

On June 21, 1965, Mr. Margolis became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Hartford, where he handled criminal and civil cases. Most famously, in 1969, Mr. Margolis personally negotiated the surrender of an armed bank robbery suspect, who had previously called Mr. Margolis and offered to turn himself in if the two of them met at a deserted baseball field. *The Hartford Courant*, which covered the story, described Mr. Margolis as a man "sporting long sideburns" with a taste for "modish clothes."

Later in 1969, Mr. Margolis joined the Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force. He moved to several offices, serving as the Attorney in Charge of the Cleveland Strike Force and, later, the Brooklyn Strike Force. In 1976, Mr. Margolis moved to Washington to become the Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime Section. He was elevated to Chief in 1979, a position he held until 1990, with the exception of a seven-month leave of absence starting in October 1982 to implement the President's directive establishing the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF).

In 1990, Mr. Margolis was named Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division. In 1993, he was appointed Associate Deputy Attorney General, a position he has now held for 22 years. In February-March 2009, by order of the President, Mr. Margolis served as the Acting Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. Margolis is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Criminal Division's Henry E. Petersen Memorial Award (1993), the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Management (1993), the President's Rank Award for Distinguished Service (1996, 2002), the Department of Justice Lifetime Service Award (2006), and the D.C. Circuit Professionalism Award (2012).

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Welcome **The Honorable Sally Quillian Yates**
Deputy Attorney General

Emcee **Chuck Rosenberg**
Acting Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration

“God Bless America” **Rhea Walker**
Special Assistant, Office of Justice Programs

Remarks **Charles Margolis**
Brother

Remarks **The Honorable John F. Mulcahy, Jr.**
Superior Court, State of Connecticut

Paul E. Coffey
Former Chief Organized Crime and Racketeering Section

Scott N. Schools
Former Associate Deputy Attorney General

Kathryn H. Ruemmler
Former Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General

The Honorable James B. Comey
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Video In Honor of David Margolis

Presentation of Pin and
Surprise Presentation **The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch**
Attorney General

Remarks **David Margolis**

Closing **The Honorable Sally Quillian Yates**