By Kathy Parrish

Dorothy Comstock Riley's ouster from the Michigan Supreme Court out-raged Republicans across the state. And they're planning some oasting of their own this November. "I don't kink any race is more important for the Republican Party to win than the three Supreme Court slots," Republican State, Chairman Spencer Abraham told Oaktand County supporters last week.

"We need people who will make neutral, unblused, judicial decisions; who will keep politics off the bench."

THE PLANS WERE unveiled during a "Salute to Justice" evening sponsored by Oakland County's Republican Committee.

About 75 attended the \$35-a-person event honoring five Oakland circuit judges who are running for reelection as a team. Cited were Judges Stephen Andrews, George LaPlata, Fred Mester, Gene Schneix and Robert Templie.

Also running for the post is South-field attorney Thomas G. Kavanaugh Jr., son of Supreme Court Justice Thomas Giles Kavanaugh.

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"The reason we're here is to pay respects to our justice system which everyone thinks needs to be changed. But in Oakland County, we don't think it needs to be changed. But Joseph Knollenberg, executive distent of the Oakland County Republican Party.

"We need so badly to have another justice on the Supreme Court whom we have confidence in."

INVITED, BUT UNABLE to attend, was Supreme Court Justice James Brickley, a Republican during his two terms as lieutenant governor.

His re-election efforts are also being supported by the party. Proceeds from the party in the diversioner's name Event went to Bley's campaign fund.

The first women to serve on the Michigan Court of Appeais, the Grosse Pointe resident was re-elected to a six-year term in 1978.

On Dec. 9, 1983, she was appointed to the Michigan Sopreme Court by lame-duck Gov. William Milliken. He named her to Blair Moody Jr.'s unexpired term and a full eight-year term to which Moody was re-elected before his death.

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After three months on the beach, the
Supreme Court ousted her on the
ground that Milliken lacked authority

REPUBLICANS WERE very upset by the actions of the Michigan Supremic Court, which upset the support titleys appointment, then a day later called a spointment, then a day later called it invalid. Some of that anger is expected to be vented in this election. The GQP hopes to hump two Democratis up for re-clockion—Boyle and Justice Thomass Glies Kavanaugh, who ran as an independent last time around when the Democratic party denied him renomination.

Abraham sall Republicans are frustrated that they are not able to do better in Supreme Court contests. He intends soon to announce a third challenger.

"I am extremely confident that we will succeed because people want the court again to put the law first."

IN HER EFFORTS to gain statewide support for her nomination at the Re-publican state convention Sept. 7 and 8 in Cobe Hall, Riley has already been to more than half of Michigan's 83 coun-

Although they are nominated at par-tisan conventions, Supreme Court can-

Frequently questioned about her ouster and how it happened, Riley says, People ask How could they do that?' I say 'They can't — but you can do something about it."

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Dorothy Comstock Riley has done this in more than half of Michigan's counties in her efforts to win support for a Supreme Court nomination.



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