current appointment in 2005. He is currently serving his second term. He, along with his wife Sherri and son Marshall, live on a farm in Manchester.

Because Judge Spencer is assigned to multiple jurisdictions—the

"How does that happen in just two generations?" asked Spencer, contrasting his son's vanguard achievement with his parents' struggles. "Their grandson is graduating high school with an associate's degree. It's a shame they're not still alive to witness this."

Following in his dad's footsteps, Marshall will head to Ohio State this fall. He's already been accepted into OSU's Fisher College of Business and successfully transferred 11 of his 12 Southern State classes.

Southern State's commencement exercises will be held 7 p.m. Friday, May 3, in