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To the Family of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist:

It is with great sadness that the 900 Article III judges of the Federal Judges Association join me in extending our condolences on the death of your beloved father and our Chief Justice. During his thirty-three years on the Court, eighteen as our Chief, your father achieved great acclaim as a brilliant jurist whose path-making opinions and deep love of the law made an enormous difference to the legal fabric of our society.

Your father not only made large contributions to the public good but also to the administration of justice in the federal courts. Federal judges will always be grateful for his unflagging efforts to protect the independence of the courts at times of attack. He was truly a very great judge on a court rich in the tradition of great judges, and the indispensable wise father of our government's Third Branch. Bereft at the loss of his sustaining leadership, we promise that we will honor his memory by working to fulfill his vision of a court system that makes a real contribution to a better society.

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On a personal note, we judges have fond memories of the sing-alongs at which your father would lead us in his favorite songs and warm us with his renowned good humor. We always looked forward to our special times with our "Chief" and will miss him enormously. We were his colleagues. He touched every one of us, and each of us prized our relationship with him. His life exemplified what our Founding Fathers had in mind when they created the Third Branch. He truly was a judge's judge and our friend.

With sincere sorrow,

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