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AN EXCELLENT JUDGE

HONORABLE RICHARD W. GOLDBERG*

I am pleased to participate in honoring my very good friend, Chief Judge Rodney Webb. We have known each other for nearly thirty years and our friendship has strengthened over the years. Judge Webb's legal career is amongst the best of all Article III judges.

What set Judge Webb apart from the rest of us are his human side and his dedication to the rights of litigants and his fellow citizens. Judge Webb is one of the very few judges that still takes the time and effort to participate in the naturalization ceremony for new citizens of this great country.

Judge Webb has many qualities that contributed to his becoming an excellent judge. Few judges achieve the respect and admiration that Judge Webb has acquired. His dedication to the judicial branch of our government and his efforts to make sure that everyone gets a fair and just opportunity in his courtroom are valid reasons for the high level of respect that Judge Webb has obtained.

I am indeed proud that Judge Webb is my very good friend. His support and wisdom have helped me to become a better judge. Judge Webb would not have accomplished his outstanding success without the help and support he got from his wife Betty and their terrific family.

My experiences with Judge Webb have always been rewarding. Even when I disagreed with him, I could always see clearly his point of view. I do not even mind losing to him on the golf course, but am still trying to overcome this major defect.

My congratulations to Judge Webb's current and former law clerks as well as the *North Dakota Law Review* for honoring this outstanding jurist.

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