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A TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS K. AMDAHL

HON. RONALD E. HACHEY†

Doug Amdahl's retirement as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota ends one of the most brilliant judicial careers ever recorded.

It is fitting that we pause and reflect upon the many contributions to the law that this tremendous man has made as a lawyer, law school administrator, a teacher, Judge of municipal and district courts, Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District and finally, the highest legal position in our state, as Chief Justice.

Words cannot begin to express my admiration for his many talents and accomplishments. As a trial judge he was eminently fair and compassionate, as an appellate justice he has been one who listens, studies, and writes with clarity and decisiveness. As a teacher, trustee and board secretary of his alma mater, he has given of himself with unbelievable dedication. His loyalty and inspiration have been of inestimable value. Much credit is due him for the position William Mitchell College of Law has attained in the field of legal education. His patience, understanding, and counseling have been invaluable—a faithful worker in shaping the chronological history of William Mitchell College of Law.

He embodies the qualities that every student and young lawyer strive for. His patience, wisdom, compassion and generosity have inspired so many. He has brought honor to his alma mater, the bench and the bar—a perfect example of one who is not only content to take from the law but willing to give back to the law. We salute his brilliant past.

We wish Doug and Phyllis many years of happiness and good health.

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