

>>> WELCOME TO THE FLORIDA
SUPREME COURT.
AND TO THIS VERY SPECIAL PROGRAM
OF REMEMBRANCE AND CELEBRATION
OF THE LIFE OF FORMER CHIEF
JUSTICE ARTHUR J. ENGLAND, JR.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO JUST GO
THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT MUCH
IMPACT, AND THEN THERE ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE A LONG-LASTING EFFECT
FOR GENERATIONS BEYOND.
THE IMPACT OF JUSTICE ENGLAND
WILL BE MEASURED BY THE LONG
VIEW OF HISTORY.
I BELIEVE HIS LEGACY WILL
INCLUDE HIS JURISPRUDENCE
RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THIS
FLORIDA SUPREME COURT, IN HIS
PRACTICE OF TAX, ADMINISTRATIVE
AND APPELLATE LAW.
WE HAVE MANY DISTINGUISHED
SPEAKERS THIS AFTERNOON WHO WILL
SHARE THEIR MEMORIES AND
RECOGNITION OF THE MANY
OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
JUSTICE ENGLAND.
IT IS MY HONOR TODAY TO
INTRODUCE THE FIRST SPEAKER,
GOVERNOR REUBIN ASKEW.
MY FRIEND FROM THE PANHANDLE.
AS WE ALL KNOW, GOVERNOR ASKEW'S
RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO OUR
STATE AND COUNTRY IS EXTREMELY
DISTINGUISHED, AND VERY LONG.
EXEMPLARY MILITARY SERVICE.
PREEMINENT LAWYER, NATIONALLY
RECOGNIZED GOVERNOR.
AND IN RECENT YEARS AN EXCELLENT
EDUCATOR IN OUR PUBLIC
UNIVERSITIES AT THE REUBIN O'D.
ASKEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY AT THE
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY.
GOVERNOR ASKEW?
[APPLAUSE]
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, JUDGE.
OH, WHAT A WONDERFUL CROWD.
I RAN FOR PRESIDENT ONE TIME
VERY UNSUCCESSFULLY, SO I CAN
PASS THE CUP.

[LAUGHTER]

>> I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AND SAY A FEW KIND WORDS ON A GREAT GUY, AND HE WAS A GREAT GUY, AND I THINK ABOUT WHAT'S INVOLVED IN BECOMING CHIEF JUSTICE?

WHAT'S INVOLVED IN BEING A JUSTICE?

AND THIS IS A DISTINGUISHED GROUP.

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THE BATTLES, BUT WE WON THEM ALL, AND I'M PROUD OF THIS COURT, BECAUSE IT'S WHAT IT SHOULD BE, BUT ARTHUR ENGLAND, A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK I APPOINTED HIM.

I DON'T CORRECT THEM.

[LAUGHTER]

>> BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE WHAT ANYBODY ELSE WOULD SAY, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE AFTER MY REMARKS.

I AM A TEACHER, AND I'VE GOT SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAUGHT MY CLASS.

FRONT ROW, BOB GRAHAM SAID I HAVE THE BEST TOM SAWYER OPERATION GOING, YOU KNOW? BUT AT ANY RATE, I'VE GOT A CLASS.

THE FSU EXPECTS, YOU KNOW, THEY WANT THE STUDENTS TO SHOW UP, BUT THEY CERTAINLY RESPECT THE TEACHER.

SO I'VE GOT A CLASS, BUT ARTHUR ENGLAND†--

FEW PEOPLE HAVE HAD THE IMPACT FOR GOOD AS HE HAD WHEN HE CAME TO TALLAHASSEE.

BECAUSE I WANT TO TELL YOU, DEALING WITH LOBBYISTS AND SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS WERE LOBBYISTS.

SOME AREN'T, BUT YOU KNOW THAT'S BASICALLY THE WAY IT GOES, YOU KNOW?

BUT I FELT WITH ART ENGLAND NO ONE WAS SMARTER IN THE ROOM WHEN WE WERE GOING OVER THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX THAN HE WAS.

AND HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN, BECAUSE
HE WROTE THE LAW, AND HE WAS
SPECIAL.

VERY, VERY SPECIAL.

AND I KNOW HOW MUCH HIS FAMILY,
ALL OF THEM, FEEL ABOUT ARTHUR,
AND I'M PROUD TO HAVE HAD HIM AS
MY FRIEND, AND HE GAVE ME HIS --
HE SAID WAS THE ONLY VOLUME OF
THE FTC ACT WHICH HE GUIDED
THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE.

NO ONE EVER SAID THE GOVERNMENT
AND SELF-GOVERNMENT IS EASY.
IT'S DIFFICULT, AND THERE ARE
TIMES WHEN YOU GET DISCOURAGED
AND TIMES WHEN YOU FEEL
ENCOURAGED, BUT I'M PROUD OF THE
COURT, AND I HAVE TAKEN GREAT
PLEASURE IN APPOINTING SO MANY
MEMBERS OF THE COURT.
THEY DIDN'T ALWAYS REMEMBER I
APPOINTED THEM.

[LAUGHTER]

>> BUT IT TAKES A SPECIAL SORT
OF GUY TO BE A JUDGE, AND WE GOT
SOME SPECIAL ONES IN HERE,
PARTICULARLY SOME OF THE
TEACHERS WHO TEACH FOR ME.
AND I THINK THAT WHEN YOU
ATTEMPT TO REALLY HAVE
GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE, YOU
KNOW, THAT YOU HAVE TO HAVE A
GOOD HEART.

AND THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD
LAWYERS THAT NEVER BECAME JUDGE
WHEN I WAS THERE BECAUSE THEY
PLAYED GOLF TOO OFTEN AND YOU
ALWAYS WANT TO HAVE HARD-WORKING
JUDGES.

BUT WE'RE LUCKY ON WHAT WE HAVE,
AND ARTHUR WAS A SPECIAL,
SPECIAL GUY.

I LOVED HIM, AND ALWAYS
APPRECIATED HIM.

OF COURSE, I USED TO BUG SOME OF
THE OTHER JUSTICES.

BUT THAT'S HISTORY.

I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO KNOW THAT.

BUT TO HIS FAMILY, THE
CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HE MADE TO US

ARE RATHER REMARKABLE.
AND HE WORKED IN MY OFFICE A
LITTLE WHILE, I JUST COULDN'T
AFFORD TO KEEP HIM.
BUT IT'S JUST GOOD TO HONOR
FRIENDS BECAUSE SO OFTEN WE
SHOULD PAT OUR HANDS A LITTLE
HIGHER THAN OUR FEET TO THE BACK
SIDE OF US, AND IT'S DIFFICULT
TO DO.
SOME OF OUR STUDENTS ALWAYS SAID
WELL, BOY, THE JUDGES WERE SURE
ROUGH ON HIM.
THEY WERE ROUGH ON ANYBODY BUT
BARRY.
NO ONE EVER GOT ON BARRY
RICHARD.
A GOOD, GOOD, GOOD FRIEND, AND
SO I'M JUST HAPPY TO BE HERE,
AND THAT'S NOT WHISTLING DIXIE
BECAUSE I HAD A CLOSE CALL A
COUPLE WEEKS AGO, BUT I MADE IT
THROUGH, AND I'M STILL HERE.
BUT WE'RE FORTUNATE TO HAVE
ARTHUR ENGLAND BECAUSE HERE,
ABOVE EVERYTHING, WAS A MAN OF
INTEGRITY.
HE KNEW THE LAW, AND I AM
FOREVER GRATEFUL THAT HE SERVED
ON THIS COURT, AND I'M FOREVER
GRATEFUL TO SEE THIS LINEUP
RIGHT HERE.
SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
[APPLAUSE]
>> I NOW HAVE TO GO, BUT Y'ALL
DON'T HAVE TO GET UP.
[LAUGHTER]
>> YOU DID GOOD.
GOVERNOR, THANK YOU SO MUCH.
MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT.
WHEN I FIRST MET ARTHUR ENGLAND,
HE WAS A DISTINGUISHED TAX
LAWYER.
HIS INTELLIGENCE AND TALENT WERE
VERY APPARENT.
BUT I LEARN OVER THE YEARS THAT
HIS GREATEST TALENT WAS HIS
TALENT FOR INNOVATION AND
INVENTION, AND HIS GREATEST
INVENTION WAS ARTHUR ENGLAND,

PUBLIC SERVANT.

ARTHUR FIRST CAME TO PROMINENCE WHEN HE DESERVED WORKING ON GOVERNOR ASKEW'S CORPORATE PROFIT TAX.

AND ALTHOUGH ARTHUR HAD NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THE LEGISLATURE OR WITH LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING, HE READILY ACCEPTED THE ASSIGNMENT, AND DID A QUITE WONDERFUL JOB AT IT.

NOW HE HAD KNOWN SOMETHING ABOUT DRAFTING CONTRACTS, AND INDEED, I'M TOLD THAT HE USED TO DRAFT CONTRACTS OF ADHERENCE FOR HIS CHILDREN BEFORE THEY WENT OFF ON VACATION, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR BEHAVIOR CONFORMED TO THE CONTRACT.

LATER, ARTHUR WORKED IN LAW REFORM, DRAFTING THE FLORIDA CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT WORKING WITH GOVERNOR ASKEW, AND THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, WHICH ARE BOTH GREAT STEPS FOR OUR FLORIDA GOVERNMENT.

WHEN PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THIS COURT TALK ABOUT THE COURT AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT QUESTIONS SUCH AS WHO WAS THE SMARTEST PERSON EVER TO SERVE ON THIS COURT?

WHO WAS THE JUSTICE WHO CONTRIBUTED THE MOST OVER ALL TIME?

ARTHUR'S NAME WILL COME UP.

THERE'S ONE QUESTION ONLY

ARTHUR'S NAME COMES UP.

WHO WAS THE MOST UNLIKELY PERSON TO EVER GET TO THIS COURT?

[LAUGHTER]

>> AND I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THAT FOR A LITTLE BIT.

MY ASSIGNMENT WAS TO TALK ABOUT ARTHUR, AND HIS PATH TO THE COURT.

I THINK ARTHUR DECIDED TO RUN FOR OFFICE WITH NO PREVIOUS JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE.

HE HAD NO ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT

WITH THE BAR AT ALL.
HE HAD NO NETWORK OF CONTACTS IN
THIS STATE.

HE DID NOT HAVE AN ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION FROM A STATE
UNIVERSITY BACKING HIM IN ANY
WAY.

HE DID NOT HAVE A LARGE PERSONAL
FORTUNE.

AND EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, HE
NEVER ARGUED A CASE BEFORE ANY
STATE COURT.

[LAUGHTER]

>> INCLUDING THE APPELLATE
COURTS.

AND ARTHUR WAS ELECTED TO
JUSTICE OF THE FLORIDA SUPREME
COURT AND ULTIMATELY THE CHIEF
JUSTICE, AND YOU THINK BACK ON
THAT CAMPAIGN, YOU GOT TO
REALIZE WHAT COURAGE IT TOOK FOR
ARTHUR WITH ALL THE
DISADVANTAGES TO RUN FOR OFFICE.
IT'S SAID WHEN FRANKLIN DELANO
ROOSEVELT CROSSED THE COUNTRY BY
TRAIN, HE COULD NAME EVERY
COUNTY THE TRAIN PASSED THROUGH,
THE COUNTY SEAT, TELL YOU WHAT
THE POLITICAL DIVISION WAS IN
THE COUNTY AND HOW PEOPLE IN
THAT COUNTY VOTED IN THE LAST
ELECTION.

ARTHUR WAS NOT BURDENED WITH ANY
POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE OF THAT
SORT.

[LAUGHTER]

>> IF ARTHUR WENT TO ANY CITY
NORTH OF FT. LAUDERDALE AND WEST
PALM BEACH, IT WOULD BE THE
FIRST TIME HE'D BEEN IN THE
CITY, EXCEPT FOR TALLAHASSEE.
AND HE WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN WHAT
THE COUNTY'S SEAT WAS, HE WOULD
NOT HAVE KNOWN ANYBODY IN THAT
PLACE.

INDEED, I CAN REPORT FAIRLY
RELIABLY BECAUSE IT COMES
THROUGH JUSTICE THAT ARTHUR HAD
BEEN CHIEF JUSTICE FOR SOMETIME
BEFORE HE DISCOVERED WHERE

WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS.
MR. †CHIEF JUSTICE, WITHOUT
KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT WEST
FLORIDA, HE WINS THE STATEWIDE
ELECTION, AND IT'S REALLY QUITE
INCREDIBLE TO THINK ABOUT HOW HE
DID THAT.

AS YOU THINK BACK ON THAT
CAMPAIGN, HIS CAMPAIGN
HEADQUARTERS WAS HIS HOUSE.
ACTUALLY, THE GARAGE.
NOW, IN THAT GARAGE, THERE'S NO
FAX MACHINE, NO POSTAGE METER,
THERE WAS NO POLLSTER, THERE WAS
NO ONE WHO WAS A POLITICAL
CONSULTANT OF ANY KIND AT ALL.
THEY WERE JUST VOLUNTEERS.
NOW, I SAY VOLUNTEERS.
ACTUALLY HIS DAUGHTERS WERE
WORKING IN THAT GARAGE.
I'M NOT TOTALLY POSITIVE THEY
WERE VOLUNTEERS.

[LAUGHTER]

>> BUT THEY WORKED DILIGENTLY.
ARTHUR GOT AROUND THE STATE.
HE FLEW HIMSELF QUITE A LOT,
WHICH WORRIED ME BECAUSE I
DIDN'T THINK HE KNEW THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FT. MYERS AND
FT. PARIS.
I WAS WORRIED HE'D WIND UP IN
THE WRONG PLACE.
HE GOT THROUGH IT ALL AND WAS
ELECTED JUSTICE.
WHEN HE BECAME JUSTICE, HE CAME
TO THE COURT JUST AFTER BEN
OVERTON, AND IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING HIM WAS ARTHUR
ENGLAND.

I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER THE SITE
MCDONALD AND OTHERS REMEMBER, AS
THE COURT CAME IN FORMAL
PROCESSION COMING IN, IN ORDER
OF SENIORITY.
AND OVERTON COMES IN, AND ARTHUR
COMES IN, AND THEN ALAN SUNDBERG
COMES IN, SOMEBODY SAID THAT
ARTHUR LOOKED LIKE A HOT DOG
CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO LARGE HOT DOG
BUNS.

[LAUGHTER]

>> AND ARTHUR DID NOT OBJECT TO THIS.

HE SAID, ACTUALLY, I DO NOT MIND BEING KNOWN AS THE FRANKFURTER OF THIS COURT.

[LAUGHTER]

>> THE COURT ON WHICH ARTHUR SERVED IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF ARTHUR HIMSELF WAS AN INNOVATIVE COURT, AND TWO OF HIS INNOVATIONS SHOULD BE MENTIONED ALONG WITH THE REMARKABLE INTEREST ON LAWYERS' TRUST ACCOUNT, WHICH I THINK OTHERS WILL TALK ABOUT TODAY.

I WANT TO SAY FIRST THAT ARTHUR WAS THE ARCHITECT OF THIS COURT'S JURISDICTIONAL PROVISIONS WHICH PRETTY QUIET INCREDIBLE WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

ARTHUR HAD THE IDEA THAT YOU HAD TO LIMIT THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT IN ORDER TO MAKE THE DISTRICT COURTS OF APPEAL TO WORK PROPERLY.

HE PUSHED THAT AMENDMENT THAT CAME THROUGH THE COURT, CHANGED THE COURT'S JURISDICTION IN 1976.

HE ALSO WAS VERY IMPORTANT IN THE COURT ALONG WITH ALAN SUNDBERG, WHEN THEY FASHIONED A YEARLONG EXPERIMENT WITH CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM.

ULTIMATELY THIS LED TO THE ADOPTION OF ACCESS RULE IN FLORIDA WHICH IS COPIED IN VIRTUALLY EVERY STATE IN THE UNION.

ALAN WROTE THAT OPINION, ARTHUR SHORTLY AFTER THAT BECAME CHIEF JUSTICE AND ALL THE INVITATIONS TO SPEAK AROUND THE COUNTRY AT BAR ASSOCIATIONS AND JUDICIAL CONFERENCES CAME THROUGH ART. AND ALAN USED TO SAY, SOMEHOW IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT ALL ALAN GOT TO DO WAS TO TAKE A

CONFERENCE CALL FROM NORTH DAKOTA, AND ART WENT ON A FOUR-DAY PAID VACATION TO HAWAII.

AND SO THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR GOOD SERVICE WERE NOT ALWAYS EVEN IN ALAN'S VIEWPOINT.

ARTHUR ESTABLISHED A GREAT REPUTATION AS A VERY CAREFUL AND SCHOLARLY JUSTICE WHO WROTE EXCELLENT OPINIONS.

ALTHOUGH AGAIN, THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE IN STYLE BETWEEN ARTHUR ENGLAND AND ALAN SUNDBERG.

WHEN DEBORAH AND ALAN WERE MARRIED, THEY ASKED ALAN AND ME TO BE USHERED.

WE WERE IN THE BACK OF THE SYNAGOGUE WHEN THEY EXCHANGED VOWS.

THESE WERE WONDERFUL ELEGANT STATEMENTS OF BOTH DEBORAH AND ARTHUR.

JUST HEART-WARMING STATEMENTS. AFTER ARTHUR FINISHED HIS, ALAN WHISPERED TO ME, THAT'S THE FIRST THING THAT ARTHUR HAS WRITTEN THAT DOESN'T HAVE FOOTNOTES.

[LAUGHTER]

>> IN PRACTICE, ARTHUR WENT BACK TO PRACTICE AFTER LEAVING THE COURT AND HE REINVENTED HIMSELF AGAIN.

HE BECAME A VERY NATIONALLY FAMOUS APPELLATE LAWYER.

PEOPLE WHO ARGUED AGAINST HIM WOULD TESTIFY HOW GOOD HE WAS.

I RECENTLY TALKED TO STEVE MCNAMARA WHO ARGUED A CASE AGAINST ARTHUR, AND SAID AFTER LOSING THE CASE, STEVE WENT BACK AND LOOKED AT THE VIDEOTAPE, WHICH SHOWED THE PORTION IN WHICH ARTHUR ENGLAND WAS ARGUING.

AND STEVE SAID, THE VIDEOTAPE VERY CLEARLY SHOWED THE FACT THAT STEVE WAS SITTING AT THE

BENCH LOOKING UP AT ARTHUR IN ADMIRATION, AND NODDING AFFIRMATIVELY TO EVERYTHING HE SAID.

[LAUGHTER]

>> SO HE WAS QUITE A WONDERFUL ADVOCATE.

I THOUGHT THAT IF THE COURT HAD HAD TIME TO CONSIDER IT, IT MIGHT HAVE INVITED TO COME TO THIS OCCASION, THIS SPECIAL OCCASION, ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WERE IMPACTED BY ARTHUR ENGLAND'S SERVICE.

AND YET AS I BEGAN TO THINK ABOUT IT, THIS COURTROOM IS FAR TOO SMALL TO ACCOMMODATE THAT KIND OF CROWD.

I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT JUST THAT FACT FOR A MINUTE.

IF THE COURT HAD JUST INVITED A DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDGES WHOSE WORK HAS REMAINED MORE MEANINGFUL BECAUSE OF ARTHUR'S AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, IT WOULD TAKE UP QUITE A LOT OF THE COURTROOM.

I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THE LAWYERS WHO WORK AT LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAMS, AND THINK ABOUT THEIR CLIENTS, THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FUNDED BY THE INTERESTED LAWYERS' TRUST ACCOUNT, AND THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SERVED BY FLORIDA BAR FOUNDATION, AND GENE KERN AND THAT GREAT BOARD.

I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THE FLORIDA CITIZENS AND CONSUMERS WHO HAVE SOME PROTECTION, THANKS TO THE LAWS HE DRAFTED, AND ABOUT THOSE WHO WERE TREATED IN A VERY DIFFERENT WAY BECAUSE WE HAVE A ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

ARTHUR ENGLAND CONTRIBUTED SO VERY MUCH.

SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE ON THAT LIST, MANY OF THE PEOPLE

ON THAT LIST ARE IN THIS COURTROOM, AND ALL OF US KNOW HOW MUCH THE STATE AND THIS NATION HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE PUBLIC SERVE THAN THE ARTHUR ENGLAND INVENTED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE JOE HATCHETT, OF WHOM I COULD SAY A GREAT DEAL, BUT I WANT TO SAY ARE IN OCCASION.

JOE WAS ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO THIS COURT BEFORE PARKER LEE MCDONALD AND MAJOR HARDING AND OTHERS WHO PERFORMED ON THE COURT AND IS WIDELY KNOWN AS ONE OF THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE RENAISSANCE.

JUDGE HATCHETT.

[APPLAUSE]

>> TO THE COURT, THE ENGLAND FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AS YOU HAVE HEARD, IN SEPTEMBER 1974, THE VOTERS OF FLORIDA ELECTED JUSTICE ARTHUR ENGLAND TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT, AND HE TOOK OFFICE IN JANUARY OF 1975. JUSTICE ENGLAND'S INVESTITURE CHESTERFIELD SMITH, FORMER LAWYER AND PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION HAD THESE WORDS, AND I QUOTE, "BY EDUCATION, BY EXPERIENCE, BY APTITUDE, BY DEMONSTRATED CHARACTER, BY THE VERY NATURE OF THE MAN AND HIS BEING, ARTHUR ENGLAND APPEARS TO US TO HAVE THE HIGHEST POTENTIAL TO SERVE THIS COURT AND THIS STATE IN SUCH A WAY THAT HE WILL IN HISTORY JOIN THE MORE MAGNIFICENT OF THE GREAT JUDGES WHO, OVER THE YEARS, HAVE GRACED THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA." END OF QUOTATION.

THAT HE REALLY DID.

THAT HE REALLY DID.

JUSTICE ENGLAND IS REMEMBERED AS THE MORE MAGNIFICENT OF THE GREAT JUSTICES WHO HAVE GRACED

THIS COURT.
DURING CHIEF JUSTICE ENGLAND'S
TERM, 1975 THROUGH 1981, HE
SERVED WITH JUSTICES B.K.
ROBERTS, JAMES C. ATKINS, JOSEPH
A. BOYD, JR., DAVID L. MCCAIN.
HAL P. DINKEL, DAN OVERTON, ALAN
C. SUNDBERG, FREDERICK B. CALL,
AND JAMES E. ANDERMAN, AND AS
SANDY MENTIONED, I JOINED THE
COURT IN 1975, A FEW MONTHS
AFTER JUSTICE ENGLAND.
WHEN JUSTICE ENGLAND JOINED THE
COURT, THE COURT WAS UNDERGOING
TOUGH TIMES.
THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES WAS VOTING ON
ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT FILED
AGAINST THREE JUSTICES.
TWO OF THE THREE RESIGNED TO
AVOID IMPEACHMENT.
INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED THAT
FAVORITISM, CORRUPTION AND
CRONYISM RAN RAMPANT IN THE
COURT.
DURING THE LATE 1970S, THE
SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA HAD ITS
GREATEST CHALLENGES.
HAD ITS GREATEST OPPORTUNITY TO
CHANGE THE FLORIDA COURT SYSTEM
FOR THE BETTER AND HAD THE RIGHT
TIME TO OPEN THE COURT SYSTEM TO
THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA.
AMONG THE MANY LEGAL CHALLENGES
WERE THE FOLLOWING†--
HOW TO APPLY THE NEWLY REENACTED
FLORIDA DEATH PENALTY STATUTE TO
INMATES ON DEATH ROW SENTENCED
UNDER THE OLD STATUTE THAT THE
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT HELD
TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.
HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW MERIT
SYSTEM, MERIT SELECTION AND
MERIT RETENTION SYSTEMS FOR
APPELLATE JUDGES.
OTHER LEGAL CHALLENGES INCLUDED
LITIGATION REGARDING THE
CORPORATE INCOME TAX.
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE
SUNSHINE AMENDMENT THAT REQUIRED

PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO MAKE
DISCLOSURE OF ALL FINANCIAL
DEALINGS.

BROADENING THE BAR EXAM TO
INCLUDE ETHICS.

ALL OF THE LEGAL ISSUES FOSTERED
BY AN OVERCROWDED PRISON SYSTEM,
AND QUESTIONS REGARDING TORT
REFORM.

JUSTICE ENGLAND BROUGHT TO THE
COURT ALL OF THE QUALITIES
NEEDED FOR A PROGRESSIVE AND
GROWING STATE FOR AN IMPORTANT
COURT.

HE HAD LEGAL ABILITY.

THE INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY TO
INTERPRET AND APPLY AND
ESTABLISH LEGAL PRINCIPLES TO
FACTUAL SITUATIONS AND TO
COMMUNICATE, IN SPEECH AND IN
WRITING, THE REASONING BEHIND A
LEGAL CONCLUSION, HE ALSO
BROUGHT A RECORD AND REPUTATION
FOR EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND
INTEGRITY.

CHARACTERISTICS SO DEARLY NEEDED
AT THAT TIME IN THE COURT'S
HISTORY.

MOST OF ALL JUSTICE ENGLAND
BROUGHT TO THE COURT A DEVOTION
TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE
QUALITY OF JUSTICE.

HE'S AMONG THOSE FEW JUSTICES OF
WHOM IT IS SAID, HE WAS ALWAYS,
ALWAYS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE
AND PROPOSING AND SUPPORTING
WAYS TO IMPROVE AND PRESERVE THE
LEGAL SYSTEM.

SOON AFTER TAKING THE OATH OF
OFFICE, AS YOU HAVE HEARD,
JUSTICE ENGLAND BEGAN URGING HIS
FELLOW JUSTICES TO LIMIT THE
COURT'S JURISDICTION TO CAPITAL
CASES, CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES,
AND QUESTIONS OF STATEWIDE
SIGNIFICANCE.

IT TOOK HIM A COUPLE OF YEARS,
BUT HE FINALLY WON THAT EFFORT.
DURING HIS TERM AS CHIEF
JUSTICE, THE COURT LED THE

EFFORT TO AMEND THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION TO REDUCE THE COURT'S JURISDICTION AND TO HAVE THE DISTRICT COURTS OF APPEAL BE THE FINAL ARBITER IN MOST DISPUTES.

DURING THE LATE 1970S,†THE COURT WAS IN THE HEADLINES FOR ALL KINDS OF REASONS, INCLUDING QUESTIONS INVOLVING FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF THE COURT.

IN FACT, SO MUCH MYSTERY AND INTRIGUE SURROUNDED THE ELECTION OF THE NEXT CHIEF JUSTICE OF 1976, THAT THE COURT DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD HOLD THE ELECTION PUBLICLY, WITH THE JUSTICES VOTING WHILE SITTING IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS COURTROOM, AND WE DID SO.

THAT ACT SIGNALLED A NEW OPENNESS IN COURT ACTIVITIES.

BY 1978, JUSTICE ENGLAND BECAME CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COURT, AND IN ADDITION TO LEADING THE FIGHT TO AMEND THE COURT'S JURISDICTION, HE ALSO LED THE EFFORT TO BRING CAMERAS INTO FLORIDA COURTS, THERE BY ALLOWING THE CITIZENS OF FLORIDA TO JUDGE THE COURT'S SYSTEM FOR THEMSELVES.

WHILE SERVING AS FLORIDA'S CHIEF JUSTICE, JUSTICE ENGLAND WAS ELECTED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF JUSTICE'S ASSOCIATION AND PARTICIPATED IN COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

MORE THAN ALL ELSE, AS SANDY HAS MENTIONED, JUSTICE ENGLAND IS REMEMBERED FOR BRINGING THE INTEREST ON LAWYERS' TRUST ACCOUNT SYSTEM TO FLORIDA.

THAT IS THE SYSTEM THAT FUNDS LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE POOR WITH THE BANK INTEREST ON CLIENT MONEY THAT LAWYERS DEPOSIT IN BANKS.

UNDER JUSTICE ENGLAND'S

DIRECTION, THE FLORIDA BAR FOUNDATION STARTED THE COUNTRY'S FIRST IOTA PROGRAM IN 1981, AND IT HAS SINCE BEEN ADOPTED BY EVERY STATE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

AS SANDY MENTIONED, JUSTICE ENGLAND WAS AN AUTHOR.

HE LOVED TO WRITE.

AND HE DID SO EXCEPTIONALLY WELL.

HE DRAFTED STATUTES, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND WROTE MANY SCHOLARLY ARTICLES.

HIS COURT OPINIONS WERE SPECIAL.

THEY WERE WELL REASONED WITH FACTS CLEARLY STATED.

LEGAL AUTHORITIES PROPERLY APPLIED.

JUSTICE ENGLAND IS REMEMBERED AS A TOUGH COMPETITOR, A VALUABLE ASSOCIATE.

A MAN OF CLASS, VALUES, ETHICS, AND A GENERAL SPIRIT.

HE WAS COMMITTED TO THE RULE OF LAW, AND GAVE UNSELFISH SERVICE TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT, THE FLORIDA BAR, ITS FOUNDATION AND THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA.

THE NEXT SPEAKER IS ONE OF HIS LAW PARTNERS THAT ALL OF YOU KNOW.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, AND MAY IT PLEASE MOST OF THE ENGLAND DAUGHTERS, IF NOT ALL. I WANT TO BE ESPECIALLY KIND TO ELLEN ENGLAND FOR MANY SPECIAL REASONS KNOWN TO THE HUNTERS AND THE ENGLANDS, ALSO BECAUSE SHE'S COME SO FAR FOR THIS EVENT, AND NOT LEAST OF ALL BECAUSE WHEN SHE'S AT WORK, HER DAUGHTER IS FAR MORE HEAVILY ARMED THAN MINE.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I MEAN, I'LL SHOW YOU THE PICTURES.

IN THE+'70S AND+'80S, WHEN I GOT OUT OF LAW SCHOOL, OR STILL A

LAW STUDENT, AND WHEN I CAME TO LOOK FOR JOBS, PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE ME WERE BELIEVED TO BE GETTING GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AND GREAT JOBS, EITHER BECAUSE I WAS A MINORITY, A TWO-FER AT THAT, OR BECAUSE I HAD FRIENDS AT HIGH PLACES.

I'M HERE TO CONFESS, I THINK I GOT ONE JOB BECAUSE I HAD A FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES, THAT WAS WHEN ARTHUR ENGLAND HIRED ME AS HIS -- HE MADE UP A TITLE -- ADMINISTRATIVE SOMETHING OR OTHER, WHEN HE BECAME CHIEF JUSTICE.

I HAD INTERNEED IN THE FLORIDA SENATE AND THEN I INTERNEED FOR CHIEF JUSTICE OVERTON, WHICH IS HOW I KIND OF GOT TO KNOW JUSTICE ENGLAND, AND BACK IN THOSE DAYS, INTERNS GOT A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE JUDGES ONLY HAD, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THE JUSTICES ONLY HAD 1+1/2 LAW CLERKS, SO IT WAS THROUGH THAT EXPERIENCE THEY GOT A CHANCE TO MEET MOST OF THE JUSTICES, EVEN IF I JUST WALKED AROUND TO THEIR OFFICES AND TRIED TO COLLECT VOTES, BUT IT WAS ALSO BECAUSE -- I THINK BECAUSE I HAD INTERNEED THAT I GOT A JOB WITH THE COURT.

MY GRADUATION SPEAKER IN DECEMBER 1975 WAS JUSTICE SUNDBERG, AND I THINK ON THE STAGE, AS I GOT MY DIPLOMA, HE SAID, GIRL, DO YOU HAVE A JOB?

[LAUGHTER]

>> OKAY, SUNDBERG WASN'T TOO LIBERATED BACK THEN.

[LAUGHTER]

>> AND HE SAID, COME SEE ME MONDAY.

AND SUDDENLY ON MONDAY, I BECAME ONE HALF HIS CLERK, ONE HALF JUSTICE BOYD'S CLERK, BECAUSE THEY STILL HAD JUST 1+1/2 CLERKS FOR EACH JUDGE.

SO IN THAT CAPACITY, I COULD
WRITE A DRAFT MAJORITY OPINION,
AND THEN I COULD WRITE THE DRAFT
DISSENT.

[LAUGHTER]

>> TO MY OWN.

MY OWN DRAFT MAJORITY.

BUT FORTUNATELY FOR ME, OR NOT
SO FORTUNATELY, THE BUILDING WAS
SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER, AND MY
OFFICE WAS UPSTAIRS NEAR THE
ROTUNDA IN WHAT WAS A CONVERTED
BROOM CLOSET, AND I SHARED IT
WITH ANOTHER LAW CLERK, BUT MY
DESK WAS THE CLOSEST TO THE
DOOR, AND SO MY RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE ENGLANDS BEGINS.

AND BY THE WAY, I HAVE TO
MENTION, WHEN I WAS INTERNING
WITH JUSTICE OVERTON, AND THEN
WHEN I BECAME HALF BOYD HALF
SUNDBERG, THERE WAS SOME PEOPLE
WHO PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW MY WAY
AROUND, I WAS TOO YOUNG AND
INEXPERIENCED.

PAT REED, NANCY AND JERRY
BRADLEY.

WITH THE HELP OF THESE LADIES, I
COULDN'T FIND THE LADIES REST
ROOM BACK THEN.

I WAS READING MARTIN DYCKMAN'S
BOOK TO REFRESH MY MEMORY.

AND BACK THEN THE REST ROOMS
WERE LABELED "JUSTICES" AND THE
OTHERS WERE LABELED "WOMEN."

[LAUGHTER]

>> ANYWAY, FROM MY BROOM CLOSET
OFFICE, I WAS DIAGONALLY ACROSS
FROM JUSTICE ENGLAND'S OFFICE,
AND OCCASIONALLY THERE WOULD BE
THIS LINE OF GIRLS PASSING BY
GOING TO SEE THEIR FATHER.
BACK THEN, THEY ALL HAD BLACK
HAIR.

[LAUGHTER]

>> AND THEY WERE ENCOURAGED BY
THEIR MOTHER TO STOP IN MY
OFFICE AND ASK ME QUESTIONS
LIKE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?

WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A LITTLE OFFICE?

[LAUGHTER]

>> BACK THEN, I THINK I WAS MAKING ABOUT \$12,000 A YEAR, SO THEY MUST HAVE SUSPECTED THAT I NEEDED A MEAL, SO EVENTUALLY I ENDED UP EATING DINNER AT THEIR BIG BLACK DINING ROOM TABLE, AND FROM THAT I ENDED UP LETTING -- NO, OKAY, FROM THAT, ARTHUR STARTED SMASHING ME WITH PING-PONG BALLS ON THE PING-PONG TABLE THAT WAS SET UP IN THEIR LIVING ROOM.

I CONTINUED THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ENGLANDS EVEN AFTER I WENT TO WORK FOR GOVERNOR ASKEW, AND I TOLD HIM EARLIER I WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT HIM BUT HE LEFT.

THAT MAY BE ONE OF THE JOBS I DID GET BECAUSE I WAS A MINORITY.

I SUSPECT AFTER WORKING WITH HIM FOR A WHILE THAT HE PROBABLY TOLD DON MIDDLEBROOKS HIS GENERAL COUNSEL, GO FIND ME A BLACK LAWYER.

I WORKED FOR GOVERNOR ASKEW FOR TWO YEARS, AND THEN ARTHUR BECAME CHIEF JUSTICE AND CALLED ME FOR LUNCH AND SAID I WANT YOU TO COME AND WE'RE GOING TO DO A WHOLE BUNCH OF THINGS.

WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION.

OKAY.

AND YOU KNOW ABOUT THE INTEREST ON TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES.

BUT I WANT TO MENTION JUST THREE THINGS THAT I DON'T THINK WE'VE EVER WRITTEN ABOUT ANYWHERE THAT ARTHUR ALSO DID.

HE BOUGHT THE COURT'S FIRST COMPUTER.

HE SENT ME TO TELL THE HEAD OF THE THEN-DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION THAT HE DIDN'T

THINK THE COURT OUGHT TO BE SHARING A COMPUTER WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT. SO HE AND JACK, WHO WAS IN THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR WENT OUT AND BOUGHT THE FIRST IBM, WHICH PROBABLY DIDN'T WORK VERY WELL BECAUSE THEY PUT IT DOWN IN THAT MOLDY, MUSTY BASEMENT. IN ADDITION TO THE COMPUTER, HE DECIDED THAT THE COURT SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN PERSONNEL SYSTEM OR PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATIONS. THAT A CLERK AT THE COURT WAS NOT THE SAME AS A CLERK AT THE DMV.

THAT JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS HAD MORE RESPONSIBILITIES THAN THE TYPICAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH SECRETARY.

SO HE STARTED THE ENTIRE PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM. AND FINALLY, HE DECIDED THAT AS A CO-EQUAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT, THE COURT SYSTEM SHOULD SUBMIT ITS BUDGET DIRECTLY THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE -- TO THE LEGISLATURE RATHER THAN GOING THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE BUDGETING PROCESS AND APPROVAL.

AND I THINK MY FRIEND HIRED ME IN LARGE PART BECAUSE I SHARED HIS BELIEF IN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> IN 1984, IN ONE OF THE MANY CASES I HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO WORK ON WITH ARTHUR.

WE ARGUED A CASE OPPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WAS PENDING BEFORE THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT, AND ARTHUR AND I DECIDED THAT WE WOULD SPLIT THE ARGUMENT, EACH OF US TAKING TEN MINUTES.

OPPOSING COUNSEL WERE ROBERT SHEVIN AND CHESTERFIELD SMITH, AND THE DAY BEFORE THE ARGUMENT,

BOB SHEVIN CALLED ME AND ASKED HIM HOW ARTHUR, AND I WERE HANDLING IT.

HOW ARE YOU AND CHESTERFIELD DOING IT?

AND HE SAID WE'RE DOING THE SAME.

NOW CHESTERFIELD WAS WELL KNOWN TO HAVE NO RESPECT FOR CLOCKS. AND SO WHEN I ASKED BOB WHO WAS ARGUING FIRST, AND HE SAID CHESTERFIELD, AFTER A MOMENT'S HESITATION, I SAID, WELL, THEN YOU WON'T BE ARGUING AT ALL!

[LAUGHTER]

>> AND HE SAID, YEAH, I KNOW.

[LAUGHTER]

>> AS IT TURNED OUT, CHESTERFIELD LEFT HIM ABOUT 45 SECONDS.

ARTHUR SAT DOWN AT PRECISELY TEN MINUTES, LEAVING ME MY FULL TIME.

THIS STORY IS MEMORABLE TO ME BECAUSE IT BROUGHT TOGETHER AT ONE EVENT THREE OF THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUALS I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH IN MY LIFE, AND I SHARE IT WITH YOU BECAUSE OF WHAT IT TELLS US ABOUT ARTHUR.

HE ARGUED OUR CASE FIRST BUT NOT BECAUSE HE INSISTED ON IT.

HE NEVER DID.

ARTHUR HAD BEEN CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT.

HE HAD INITIATED MAJOR CHANGES IN THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION.

AND AUTHORED SOME OF FLORIDA'S MOST SIGNIFICANT REFORM LEGISLATION.

HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF THE APPELLATE LAWYERS, NOW AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH HUNDREDS OF FELLOWS WHO RECENTLY HONORED ARTHUR BY NAMING ITS OATH THAT EVERY FELLOW TAKES AFTER ARTHUR WHO HAD BEEN THE PERSON WHO CREATED THE OATH.

ARTHUR HIMSELF WAS
INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS
ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S PREEMINENT
APPELLATE LAWYERS.

WITH ALL OF THAT, HE NEVER
INSISTED GOING FIRST.

HE WAS A MAN OF UNCOMPROMISING
INTEGRITY.

HE WAS PROUD AND SELF-ASSURED,
BUT ARROGANCE WAS NOT IN HIS
NATURE.

AFTER HE LEFT THE BENCH, HE
PREFERRED TO BE CALLED ARTHUR,
RATHER THAN JUDGE.

HE TREATED HIS COLLEAGUES, HIS
OPPONENTS, HIS CLERKS,
SECRETARIES, WITH KINDNESS AND
RESPECT.

HE VALUED ALL OPINIONS AND
ENCOURAGED DISAGREEMENT WITH HIS
OWN, AND NO ONE WHO EVER WORKED
WITH ARTHUR ENGLAND WAS EVER
MADE TO FEEL INFERIOR.

IN RETURN, PROVIDENCE REWARDED
HIM WITH A MIND THAT IS RAZOR
SHARP AND ENABLED HIM TO DO WHAT
HE LOVED TO THE VERY END, AND
WHAT HE LOVED WAS THE LAW,
TRANSCENDED ONLY BY HIS LOVE OF
FAMILY.

OF THE MANY GOOD THINGS THAT CAN
BE SAID OF ARTHUR ENGLAND, IT
SEEMS TO ME THAT THE MOST
IMPORTANT IS THIS, HE HELPED US
DRAW CLOSER TO WHAT ABRAHAM
LINCOLN CALLED THE BETTER ANGELS
OF OUR NATURE.

HE SHOWED LAWYERS AS THE
ARBITERS OF CIVILIZATION.

WHAT THE LEGAL PROFESSION WAS
MEANT TO BE.

AND HE SHOWED ALL OF US WHAT
HUMANITY, IN ITS MOST RESPONDENT
VISION WAS MEANT TO BE.

[APPLAUSE]

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

ON BEHALF OF ME AND MY SIBLINGS,
ANDREA, ELLEN, KAREN, RACHEL AND
AARON, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE
THIS AFTERNOON, AND, OF COURSE,

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT.
MANY OF YOU KNEW OUR DAD AS A
COLLEAGUE, A FRIEND, A MENTOR AN
APPELLATE ATTORNEY AND A
JUSTICE.

BUT I'D LIKE TO SHARE SOME
MEMORIES HERE WE HAVE OF OUR
FATHER WHO, TO US, WAS JUST DAD.
AND AS IT TURNS OUT, JUST DAD
WAS IN SOME WAYS VERY SIMILAR TO
JUSTICE ENGLAND.

NONE OF US WILL FORGET THE
CONTRACTS THAT HE HAD US SIGN
WHEN WE WENT ON VACATIONS.
WE STILL HAVE A COPY OF ONE
TITLED SIMPLE RULES FOR LIVING
IN HARMONY THAT HE HAD US SIGN
WHEN WE WENT ON OUR TRIP TO
NORTH CAROLINA AS A FAMILY.
IT SAID OUR RULES WE WERE TO
FOLLOW AND THE CONSEQUENCES FOR
NOT FOLLOWING THOSE RULES.
AND DAD WAS EQUALLY INTERESTED
IN DRAFTING CONTRACTS FOR THOSE
OUTSIDE OF OUR FAMILY.

NAMELY PROSPECTIVE BOYFRIENDS
FOR RACHEL.

THESE APPLICATIONS INCLUDED A
SPACE TO DENOTE IF THEY HAD
MOTORCYCLES OR TATTOOS.
TO WHICH IF THEY DID, THEY WERE
INSTRUCTED TO DISCONTINUE THEIR
APPLICATION.

[LAUGHTER]

>> NO DISCUSSION OF DAD CAN GET
VERY FAR WITHOUT BRINGING UP HIS
TERRIFIC SENSE OF HUMOR, OF
COURSE.

HE WAS SO FUNNY AND SO CLEVER
AND WAS FOREVER MAKING UP PUNS.
HIS SPARKLING EYES AND
PURPOSEFUL SMILE ALWAYS GAVE HIM
AWAY.

IF HE SPENT MORE THAN A FEW
HOURS WITH HIM, YOU WILL
REMEMBER THIS VERY PLAYFUL SIDE
OF HIM.

I KNOW WE WILL NEVER FORGET IT
AND HOW MUCH FUN IT BROUGHT INTO
OUR LIVES.

DAD HAD A GENUINE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORLD, HE HAD SO MANY INTERESTS AND LOVED TO SHARE THEM WITH US.

WHETHER THEY WERE NPR BROADCASTS HE TOLD US ABOUT, GREAT BOOKS HE THOUGHT WE WOULD ENJOY.

OPERAS WE WOULD ATTEND WITH HIM OR NEWSPAPER ARTICLES HE WOULD LEAVE ON THE BREAKFAST TABLE FOR US TO READ.

AND DAD WAS ALWAYS SUCH A SPORT WHEN IT CAME TO THE THINGS WE LOVED, TOO.

HE CAME TO ALL OF OUR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WHETHER WE LAST YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR.

HE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR US WITH A BIG SMILE OR WARM HUG AND ALWAYS SO MUCH FUN TO BE WITH, AND BECAUSE HE CARED FOR US SO MUCH AND BECAUSE HE HAD SUCH TERRIFIC INSIGHT, WE COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON HIM TO GIVE US GREAT ADVICE, WHETHER WE WERE HAVING A PROBLEM WITH OUR CAR OR MAKING AN IMPORTANT LIFE DECISION.

AND DAD HAD A NEVER-ENDING LOVE FOR THE OUTDOORS.

HE PLAYED RACQUETBALL, TENNIS, ENJOYED GOLFING.

HE LOVED TO SWIM, AND YOU COULD OFTEN FIND HIM DICTATING MID LAUGH, HE RAN, HE SKIED, HE HIKED AND HE SAILED.

AND AS YOU HEARD BEFORE, HE PILOTED HIS PLANE ACROSS FLORIDA WHILE RUNNING FOR THE SUPREME COURT, AND OFTEN HE TOOK US ON TRIPS WITH HIM WHILE HE PILOTED HIS PLANE.

BUT ABOVE ALL, DAD CHERISHED HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER DAD AS A FATHER WHO WAS KIND, LOVING, SMART, EASY GOVERNOR, AND CONSTANTLY MAKING US AND OTHERS FEEL VALUED AND SPECIAL.

HE WAS HONORABLE AND ETHICAL.
HE WAS A GREAT ROLE MODEL, AND A
WONDERFUL AND SWEET FATHER.
WE LOVE HIM, AND WE MISS HIM
MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY.
THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU TO THE LOVELY
ENGLAND FAMILY.

ON BEHALF OF THE FLORIDA SUPREME
COURT, AND THE JUDICIAL BRANCH
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, I
EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO
ARTHUR J. ENGLAND, JR., AND TO
HIS FAMILY FOR HIS SERVICE TO
THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WE'LL NOW BE HEARING FROM MS.
DEBORAH ENGLAND ON THE
BENEDICTION, THERE WILL BE A
BENEDICTION IN MUSIC BY ANDREW
PAULSON, AT WHICH TIME THE COURT
WILL BE ADJOURNED TO BE FOLLOWED
BY RECEPTION IN THE ROTUNDA AND
THE FAMILY WILL GREET GUESTS IN
THE LAWYERS' LOUNGE.

MS. ENGLAND.

>> SO MANY FAMILIAR FACES.
THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL FOR
BEING HERE TO HONOR ARTHUR
TODAY.

MY, HOW TIME HAS FLOWN.
ARTHUR CHERISHED HIS FAMILY, HIS
COLLEAGUES, HIS FRIENDS.
FOR MANY OF US, ARTHUR WAS OUR
ROCK.

THIS BENEDICTION IS A MESSAGE
THAT I BELIEVE ARTHUR WOULD WANT
TO CONVEY TO ALL OF YOU TODAY.
MY BELOVED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND
PUBLIC SERVANTS.

MY SPIRIT HAS MOVED ON TO
ANOTHER REALM.

MY LAST BREATH DID NOT SAY
GOOD-BYE, FOR MY LOVE FOR YOU IS
TRULY TIMELESS, BEYOND A
TRANSITION OF DEATH.

I LEAVE MYSELF NOT TO THE EARTH
WHERE MY BODY WILL BE PLACED,
BUT TO YOUR MEMORY WITH LOVE.
I LEAVE MY THOUGHTS, MY MISSION,

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[APPLAUSE]