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RECOGNITION OF E. NORMAN VEASEY

Mr. CARPER. Madam President, I rise today in recognition of the Honorable E. Norman Veasey upon his retirement as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware. He has served as Chief Justice of the State of Delaware for 12 years. His leadership over that span of time has won him the respect and gratitude of our entire State. He has been, and remains, a trusted friend.

Chief Justice Veasey was born on January 9, 1933 in Wilmington, DE to the late Dr. Eugene E. Veasey and Elizabeth N. Burnett. He attended the Peddie School in Hightstown, NJ. From there, he went on to Dartmouth College where he obtained his A.B. in 1954. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he graduated in 1957 with his LL.B. At the University of Pennsylvania Law School, he was a Member of the Board of Editors of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review from 1955 to 1957 and was Senior Editor from 1956 to 1957. He was admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1958.

Chief Justice Veasey has spent most of his life in public service. He served honorably in the Delaware Air National Guard from 1957 to 1968 whereby he obtained the rank of captain. He has also

served, among a long list, as Chief Deputy Attorney General of the State of Delaware, Chair of the Delaware Board of Bar Examiners, President of the Conference of Chief Justices in 2000, Chair of the ABA Special Committee on the Evaluation of the Rules of Professional Conduct "Ethics 2000", and President of the Delaware State Bar Association. Furthermore, he served as a Director of Beneficial Corporation and National Bank for 13 years from 1979 to 1992.

From 1957 to 1988, he was a member of the prestigious Delaware law firm of Richards, Layton & Finger, with practice emphasis in corporate transactions, litigation and counseling. He was a member of the firm from 1957 to 1992, serving as a partner from 1963 to 1992 and as president from 1985 to 1988.

Judge Veasey became Chief Justice of the State of Delaware on April 7, 1992, having been nominated to that post by then Governor Michael N. Castle and unanimously confirmed by the Delaware State Senate. Chief Justice Veasey is a Judicial Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a member of both the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States Judicial Conference and the American Law Institute.

He is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a director of the Institute for Law and Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. He has been a frequent speaker on corporate governance, ethics and professionalism at continuing legal education programs and has been published widely in the fields related to corporate governance.

In June of 2002, Chief Justice Veasey received the 2002 Paul C. Reardon Award, one of the highest awards given by the National Center for State Courts, NCSC. The Reardon Award, named after the late Massachusetts Supreme Court Justice who was the first president of The National Center's Board of Directors, is presented to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the improvement of the justice system and who has supported the mission of The National Center.

Chief Justice Veasey has been a member of the Conference of Chief Justices since 1992, and headed the conference from 1999 to 2000, a singular honor for him and for Delaware. He has been intimately involved in issues of attorney ethics, having served as chair of the American Bar Association's Special Committee on Evaluation of Rules of Professional Conduct, Ethics 2000. A frequent speaker on corporate governance, ethics, and professionalism at continuing legal education programs, Chief Justice Veasey has been published widely in the fields related to corporate governance. From 1994 to 1995, he was Chair of the Section of Business Law of the ABA. Justice Veasey is also a Judicial Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Justice Veasey has been married to the former Suzanne Johnson for 47 years. Both he and Suzy are the proud parents of four children, Andrew, Douglas, E. Norman, Jr.

and Marian Elizabeth, and even prouder grandparents to eleven grandchildren.

Through Chief Justice Veasey's tireless efforts, he has made a profound difference in the lives of thousands of Delawareans. Upon his retirement, he will leave behind a legacy of commitment to public service for both his children and grandchildren and for the generations that will follow. I thank him for the friendship that we share and for the privilege of working closely with him when I served as Governor of Delaware from 1993 to 2001. On behalf of all Delawareans, I congratulate him on a truly remarkable and distinguished career. I wish him, Suzy and their family only the very best in all that lies ahead for each of them.