

Statement from Chief Justice Roberts
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Dear John,

The Supreme Court convened for the first time in 1790. You have served on its bench for nearly one-sixth of its existence. For the past thirty-four years, this Court has drawn strength from your presence. Whether in majority, separate concurrence, or dissent, you have brought rigor and integrity to the resolution of the most difficult issues. Through it all, you have alloyed genuine collegiality with independent judgment.

Your decision to retire saddens each of us in distinct ways. We will miss your wisdom, your perceptive insights and vast life experience, your unaffected decency and resolute commitment to justice. But we also know that your presence will endure through your contributions to the Court's work. You have enriched us through your inspiring example of public service. The bonds of friendship that we have forged extend beyond our common endeavor.

We wish you and Maryan great happiness in the years ahead.

Affectionately,