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Chief Justice Donald R. Wright will stand out in the judicial history of California as a Chief Justice who not only possessed great legal talents, but whose decisions were characterized by exceptional humanity and warmth. If, as has been said, one of the jobs of the Supreme Court is to fill the interstices of the law, Chief Justice Wright approached that task with the purpose of filling those interstices with human values. In so doing, he has done as much as anyone could to elevate the spirit of California jurisprudence.

Throughout his pursuit of the highest ideals of adjudication, Chief Justice Wright has remained a modest person, not seeking and not desiring public acclaim. That acclaim he does enjoy, however, and it will grow in coming years as his great contributions to the jurisprudence of California are appreciated more fully for their value as part of the history of our state.

As Chief Justice, he has carried a heavy burden and carried it well. In his well-earned retirement from that lofty post, we wish him happiness and satisfaction.

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