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Elliott Eulogy

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KATHY / J SUSIE, members of the
~~Mrs. Elliott, members of Ted's family,~~ faculty, and staff of the School of Natural Resource

Sciences, ladies and gentlemen.

There are some things in this world that, try as we may, just cannot be adequately accomplished. "One" of those things, for me at least, is to express "adequately" what I feel about the passing of Dr. Edward (Ted) Elliott.

Ted came to the University of Nebraska a few months before I arrived, and it was my "distinct honor" to count him among my friends at this great University. Ted was a man of exceptional scientific standing and wisdom, and his loss leaves a void in all of our lives that will not be readily filled.

I knew Ted as an outstanding administrator and scientist, a man whose natural abilities of leadership inspired and enlivened those who reported through him to make their finest achievements. He was universally liked by faculty and staff throughout the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, as well as by his fellow administrators. Indeed, Ted earned the respect of everyone with whom he came into contact.

Ted was an action-oriented scientist and administrator. Let me quote Ted's own words from the annual review of the School of Natural Resource Sciences which was conducted on January 26, 2001, less than one month after my arrival here.

- strategically plan
- obtain funding
- hire senior professor
- coalesce all natural resource majors into the school
- restructure natural resources degree

- obtain PhD in natural resources
- restructure
- develop
- reopen the doors
- manage

These are "the words" of a scientist of great accomplishment, a man of action. Ted was a man you "cannot forget. For those of us who are left, he will continue to live in our memories and in our hearts."

We know that he is gone to the rest that he has so ably earned. I think he knows that we at the University of Nebraska and in the School of Natural Resource Sciences will "carry on in the manner in which he taught throughout his exemplary life."