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## Remembering Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

We mourn today the loss of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who made an indelible mark on the law and our society as an advocate for gender equality and as a powerful voice on civil rights. There are so many of us, including me, who are grieving as if Justice Ginsburg were a member of our family. I paused to consider why she has had such a profound and personal impact on so many. The answer is that Justice Ginsburg demonstrated the best of us. As a member of the Supreme Court, she sought not only to repair fractures in the law, but also to address fractures in our society that are created by discrimination and differential treatment. She was powerful in dissent, but built bridges of friendship in the face of disagreement and confronted opposing views with respect. She was an icon and groundbreaker of immeasurable proportion.

When Justice Ginsburg was asked how she would like to be remembered, she said:

“Someone who used whatever talent she had to do her work to the very best of her ability. And to help repair tears in her society, to make things a little better through the use of whatever ability she has.”

Her memory lives up to that wish and then some. Thank you Justice Ginsburg.

*Julie Jones, Chair*