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Of The Life Of**
Governor George S. Mickelson
1941-1993

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Capitol Rotunda Processional

Our Friends

Angus Anson
David Birkeland
Ronald Becker
Roland Dolly
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We are not just a better state because they lived. We are better people because they touched our lives.

The Mickelson Family



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Friends remember men who died



George Mickelson
State's 26th governor



Roland Dolly
Economic development
commissioner



Ron Reed
Office of Energy Policy director



Roger Hainje
President, Sioux Falls
Development Foundation



Angus Anson
NSP general manager



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First Bank president



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**SENATOR BOB DOLE
TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR
GEORGE MICKELSON**

**LINDA, MARK, AMY AND
DAVID; SENATOR PRESSLER;
SENATOR DASCHLE; GOVERNOR
MILLER; HONORED GUESTS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF
GEORGE MICKELSON:**

**OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES
ONCE SAID THAT "TO LIVE FULLY
IS TO BE ENGAGED IN THE
PASSIONS OF ONES TIME."**

**WE GATHER TODAY TO PAY
TRIBUTE TO A MAN WHO TRULY
LIVED LIFE FULLY, BECAUSE FEW
PEOPLE WERE MORE INVOLVED
IN THE PASSIONS OF OUR TIME
THAN GEORGE MICKELSON.**

**I WAS PRIVILEGED TO TRAVEL
ACROSS THIS GREAT STATE
WITH GEORGE ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS. AND WE WOULD
TALK OF THE MIDWESTERN
VALUES, THE COMMITMENT TO
AGRICULTURE, AND THE
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY THAT
WE SHARED.**

**BUT WHAT WAS MOST
APPARENT IN MY
CONVERSATIONS WITH
GEORGE...IN FACT WHAT WAS
MOST APPARENT IN
CONVERSATIONS ANY ONE HAD
WITH GEORGE...WAS HIS
COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC
SERVICE...AND HIS COMMITMENT**

**TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH
DAKOTA.**

**AS YOU KNOW, IT WAS A
COMMITMENT THAT WAS
INSTILLED IN GEORGE AT A
VERY YOUNG AGE...AND IT WAS
ONE THAT WOULD REMAIN WITH
HIM THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE.**

**GEORGE MICKELSON CAME
INTO ADULTHOOD WHEN MANY**

**AMERICANS WERE QUESTIONING
THEIR COUNTRY, AND WHEN
PATRIOTISM WAS NOT VERY
FASHIONABLE.**

**FOR GEORGE, HOWEVER,
PATRIOTISM WAS NOT A FAD, IT
WAS A WAY OF LIFE. AND FROM
THE JUNGLES OF VIETNAM TO
THE PLAINS OF SOUTH DAKOTA,**

**GEORGE MICKELSON WOULD
NEVER LET AMERICA DOWN.**

**HIS SIX YEARS AS GOVERNOR
OF THIS STATE WILL BE
REMEMBERED AS A TIME OF
ACTION AND INNOVATION...A
TIME WHERE TAXPAYERS, FARM
FAMILIES, SMALL BUSINESS,
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, AND
THOSE WHO DEPEND UPON**

**RURAL HEALTH CARE, KNEW
THEY HAD AN ALLY IN THE
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.**

**FOR MOST OF HIS CAREER,
GEORGE WAS A "POLITICIAN."
AND WHILE SOME PEOPLE
FROWN WHEN THEY HEAR THAT
WORD, GEORGE TOOK GREAT
PRIDE IN IT.**

**HE TOOK PRIDE BECAUSE HE
KNEW THAT POLITICS IS NOT
ABOUT MAKING BACK-ROOM
DEALS, IT'S ABOUT MAKING A
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES MEN,
WOMEN, AND CHILDREN.**

**AND THE PEOPLE THAT FILL
THIS ROTUNDA TODAY, AND THE
SORROW THAT IS FELT ACROSS
THE TEST, IS TESTIMONY TO THE**

**DIFFERENCE THAT GEORGE
MICKELSON MADE.**

**IN HIS LOVE OF THE
OUTDOORS, HIS ZEST FOR LIFE,
AND HIS COMMITMENT TO
PUBLIC SERVICE, GEORGE
MICKELSON BRINGS TO MIND
TEDDY ROOSEVELT--ANOTHER
GREAT AMERICAN WHO LOVED
SOUTH DAKOTA.**

**AND PERHAPS THE FAMILY
AND FRIENDS OF ALL THOSE
WHO LOST THEIR LIFE IN THE
TRAGIC ACCIDENT, CAN FIND
INSPIRATION IN THE
ROOSEVELT'S WORDS.**

**AS A YOUNG MAN IN HIS
TWENTIES, ROOSEVELT
SUFFERED THE DEATH OF HIS**

**WIFE. AND AT THAT TIME, HE
WROTE IN HIS DIARY THAT "THE
LIGHT WENT FROM HIS LIFE
FOREVER."**

**TODAY, MUCH OF SOUTH
DAKOTA BELIEVES THAT THE
LIGHT HAS GONE FROM THEIR
LIFE FOREVER.**

**BUT WE ALL MUST DO WHAT
ROOSEVELT DID. WE MUST GO**

**ON. WE MUST PERSEVERE. WE
MUST WORK TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.**

**WE MUST, AS ROOSEVELT
DID, AND AS GEORGE
MICKELSON DID, "LIVE LIFE TO
THE FULLEST...ENGAGED IN THE
PASSIONS OF OUR TIME."**