Tribute to Judge Theodore McMillian

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I am very pleased to pay tribute to Judge Theodore McMillian in this special symposium issue celebrating his more than 40 years of service on the judiciary.

Judge McMillian succeeded me as a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in 1978 after I resigned to become Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I had known Judge McMillian for many years prior to that time when we were both active in support of the Big Brother Organization in St. Louis and have followed his career closely through the years.

Judge McMillian is a role model for young men and women of all backgrounds seeking to build a better community and a better world for themselves and their fellow citizens. An outstanding lawyer and judge, he has continued his support for community organizations which improve the quality of life in the greater St. Louis area and has provided new opportunities for young people to expand their horizons through the exercise of civil liberties guaranteed to them by statute and the Constitution of the United States. His wisdom in this area, sharpened through his own personal experience, has enriched the law as it comes to terms with emerging standards of decency.
