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STATEMENT OF CHIEF JUDGE RUBÉN CASTILLO ON THE PASSING OF DISTRICT JUDGE MILTON I. SHADUR

Chief United States District Judge Rubén Castillo announced that United States District Judge Milton I. Shadur passed away at the age of 93. Judge Shadur served as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois for over 37 years. Judge Shadur was nominated by then-President Jimmy Carter in 1980. Judge Shadur's 37 years as a district judge included a quarter century of service as a senior judge. Judge Shadur and his wife Eleanor were married for over 70 years.

Judge Shadur has honorably served the United States as a District Judge for over three decades. The over 11,000 written opinions that Judge Shadur issued are just a small reflection of his dedication to the rule of law. In addition to this work, Judge Shadur has mentored a number of judges throughout his career, including me. Judge Shadur will be remembered for his passion- his passion for his wife and his family, the law and the Northern District of Illinois.

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Judge Shadur graduated from the University of Chicago at the age of 18 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics. In 1949, Judge Shadur received his J.D. from the University of Chicago after serving as a radar officer in the United States Navy during World War II and earning the rank of lieutenant (junior grade). Prior to his nomination to the bench, he was in private practice from 1949-80. In addition to his service as a United States District Judge, various Chief Justices of the United States have designated Judge Shadur to sit on nine Courts of Appeals around the country. Judge Shadur has also contributed significantly to the administration of justice throughout the nation by his work on the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence, on which he served for nearly 10 years. Judge Shadur chaired that Committee from late 1999 until September 30, 2002.

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