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Many people across the country, including Indiana's lawyers and judges, are pausing to reflect on the extraordinary life and career of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Her pioneering spirit, unwavering dedication to justice, and trailblazing achievements have forever transformed the landscape of the legal profession.

She is the inspiration for so many of us who entered the male-dominated legal profession without a female role model—including me. When I entered law school, there had never been a woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, and there were very few women judges. Her groundbreaking appointment provided a shining beacon of hope—for me and so many others—that a path existed for women to rise to the top of the legal profession.

It is with tremendous gratitude that I pay respects to Justice O'Connor, a true luminary whose remarkable legacy will continue to guide and inspire us all for generations to come.

Loretta H. Rush

Chief Justice of Indiana