F. K. MORIOKA MEMORIAL  
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It would be easy to stand here and recite a list of Ken's talents, to re-create for you a list of unique accomplishments and review the contribution he made to the welfare of his family -- his company -- and his country. But that would not be true to why I'm really here. Nor you either. As friends and colleagues we are pulled by something far greater than that.

Some years ago, I came across something Ken wrote: In a resume he summarized what he liked best about his tenure as an assistant at Oregon State. "It was," he said "an opportunity to develop young talent and watch them intellectually grow."

A couple years ago, Ken was finishing his tour as Head of the Corporate Product Strategy Staff. We were reviewing the pluses and minuses of that assignment, and at the end he said: "You know, Bob, one other thing that as meant so much has been working with the summer interns - to help them grow."

He cared and he gave of himself and gave some more. And we all felt that.

For the past 30 years, I have been priviledged to share in an adventure second to none in history. We all have known the thrill of change, the ______ expectation of knowing new things await each new day. I'm grateful to have shared in this 20th century exploration that is computers -- to have known the excitement of a truly unique company. But more than anything, I'm grateful to have done so in the company of great companions. You and I are here to honor one of the finest of those companions.

Yes, Ken had great talent, but more than that he was a free spirit, he was a trusting friend. He solved many problems but he warmed everyone's heart. For he wanted more than anything for others to succeed. Yes, each of us has been touched by that glow.

And I am reminded of words once uttered by a very great man - Justice O. W. Holmes, Jr. Addressing a group of his Civil War comrades many years after the war, he said:

"Through our great good fortune, in our youth our hearts were touched with fire."

It has been your and my great good fortune to have our hearts touched by fire -- and that is what is in our hearts today and will remain always.