

Thank you, Mayor.

- First off, congratulations. I am truly honored that you asked me to swear you in; the first I have done. It was about one-year ago that I took the oath to become governor of the state of Minnesota. A citizen from the private sector elected into the governor's office. Mayor, you were at Canterbury that night in November of 1998—thank you.
- I understand that you and I are a lot alike. You had issues with your city, so did I. You're non-partisan, so am I. You want what's best for the city—I want what's best for the state. You had young-voter turnout...so did I. You had high-voter turnout...so did I. You're a citizen mayor from the private sector--I'm a citizen governor from the private sector. Who knows, you may be governor someday!
- John, when I became mayor of Brooklyn Park I was the outsider. I understand that you'll be in the same boat. Mayor, city council members, you'll need to work together in the best interest of Roseville. Also, let me give you a little advice. It's one of my principles: Never forget it's the peoples' money. Last year we gave back the first-ever sales-tax rebate. I'm glad to see you used it to become mayor. We have more money to rebate, and if I have it my way we'll give that back too. So, John when you get it-- bank it for your re-election.
- To your family and friends, thank you for letting me share in this very special day. John, congratulations and good luck.