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A Grateful Retirement Speech

It's important to me to thank some people as I head into retirement. First and foremost, I want to thank my husband and children for always supporting me and not complaining when I was consumed with work. Thank you, family, for your love and support.

I want to thank our company's owner Jennifer Beltz for hiring me back when I was fresh out of college. Some of you have never met Jennifer, but when I first started with the company in 1999, she ran the place on a day-to-day basis. Thank you, Jennifer, for believing in me.

I want to thank Russ Mathews for his daily leadership and insights. Russ, you somehow managed to make each day a learning experience and I appreciated that. Thank you, Russ, for your inspirational management.

I want to thank my fellow professionals at Contour Innovations for your faith in me to get the job done and your willingness to step in when I couldn't quite manage it on my own. You are all my family and I will miss each and every one of you. Thank you to all of you for your friendship.

Finally, I want to especially thank my fellow project manager Francis Jones for your wit and competitive nature. Without your push, I never would have pursued half of the opportunities that came my way. Every time you challenged me to go forward boldly, I felt empowered. You are single-handedly responsible for a big portion of my success. Thank you, Francis, for your push.

Thank you, everyone, for attending today to hear me talk about the end of my career. I'm grateful to go into retirement with a clear mind and a healthy body. My best years are yet to come.