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Bill George is a Professor of Management Practice at Harvard Business School, where he is teaching leadership and leadership development, and is the Henry B. Arthur Fellow of Ethics. He is the author of the best-selling books *True North, Discover Your Authentic Leadership* (Jossey-Bass, 2007) and *Authentic Leadership: Rediscovering the Secrets of Creating Lasting Value* (Jossey-Bass, 2003).

Mr. George is the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Medtronic. He joined Medtronic in 1989 as President and Chief Operating Officer, was elected Chief Executive Officer in 1991 and served in that capacity through 2001. He was Chairman of the Board from 1996 to 2002. Under his leadership, Medtronic's market capitalization grew from \$1.1 billion to \$60 billion, averaging a 35% increase each year.

Mr. George has made frequent appearances on television and radio, including: *The Charlie Rose Show, The Today Show, The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, CNBC, Bloomberg News*, and public radio. His articles have appeared in *Fortune, the Wall Street Journal, Harvard Business Review*, and numerous other publications.

Mr. George currently serves as a director of ExxonMobil, Goldman Sachs, and Novartis and has also served on the board of Target Corporation. He has been named one of "Top 25 Business Leaders of the Past 25 Years" by PBS; "Executive of the Year-2001" by the Academy of Management; and "Director of the Year-2001-02" by the National Association of Corporate Directors. He is also currently a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and World Economic Forum USA and has been board chair of Allina Health System, Abbott-Northwestern Hospital, United Way of the Greater Twin Cities, and Advamed.

Earlier in his career, he was an executive with Honeywell and Litton Industries and served in the U.S. Department of Defense. He was professor at IMD International and Ecole Polytechnique, both in Lausanne, Switzerland, and taught at the Yale School of Management. He received his BSIE with high honors from Georgia Tech, and his MBA with high distinction from Harvard University where he was a Baker Scholar, and an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration from Bryant University.

He and his wife Penny reside in Minnesota.