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Beermann's roast ended with a unique "toast," featuring dozens of letters sent by people eager to laud the executive director of the Nebraska Press Association. One was a letter from former President George W. Bush. Beermann served 24 years as Nebraska's Secretary of State, sworn into office in 1971 at age 31. A graduate of Midland Lutheran College and the Creighton University School of Law, he serves on the board of directors of the NebraskaLAND Foundation and has served on the boards of the Lincoln Foundation and the Cornhusker Boy Scouts of America. He is a retired commissioned officer for the U.S. Army Reserve and of the Nebraska National Guard as a judge advocate general. In 2001, the Republic of China presented Beermann with their Foreign Service Medallion. He was the first civilian recipient in Nebraska of the Homeland Defense Ribbon. In 2005, the University of Nebraska presented Beermann the Outstanding Service to Journalism Award. In 2006, he received the Ike Friedman Community Leadership Award from the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, and, in 2007, he was named Nebraskan of the Year by the combined Rotary Clubs of Nebraska. He received the Exceptional Service Award from the Selective Service System and the Federal Voting Assistance Award from Secretary of Defense William Perry. His wife, Linda, is a former KOLN/KGIN-TV weathercaster.