

FAREWELL

I first saw Professor Janina Józwiak as the Rector of the Warsaw School of Economics many years ago, on the inauguration day of the academic year, in the first year of my studies. I met her personally a few years later when she was the head of the Institute of Statistics and Demography and gave me a job at the Institute as a student/trainee. I did not realize then that she would have such a great influence on my life, not only professional. While working at the Institute, I had many opportunities to get to know Professor Józwiak better. She was an exceptionally modest and nice person, who liked and, more importantly, respected other people, regardless of their achievements or positions. She also had a unique intuition in interpersonal relations and tactfully expressed her different opinions, so that not to offend the others. Her kindness, honesty and conviction that one should always behave decently, encouraged me to distance myself from even most difficult problems and have courage to take on challenging projects. The conferences we both participated in were an opportunity to get to know Professor Józwiak in private as a person with a great sense of humour, loving life and enjoying small things: tasty meals, company of other people and talking with them. She was the boss who cared about her staff, believed in them and encouraged to make bold decisions. For me, she epitomized a splendid scientist, teacher with a sense of mission, whose basic goal is to teach and shape young people.

I am extremely grateful for the privilege to work for and with Professor Józwiak. Dear Professor, thank you very much for everything: for your time, mentoring, precious conversations and faith in me. I miss you so much and I will always remember you

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