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Office of Governor Ron DeSantis,  
State of Florida  
The Capitol,  
400 S. Monroe Street,  
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

Please accept this letter as my formal notice of retirement from my position as Circuit Court Judge in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit effective 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2023.

I have had the privilege of serving the people of Florida as a member of the judiciary for over 42 years. I began my career in 1980 as the youngest judge ever elected in Florida and I shall leave the bench as the longest serving elected judge in the State.

It is impossible to fully express what a tremendous honor and privilege it has been to serve my community. Looking back, the number and types of cases I have had the privilege to bring to resolution are staggering. The trust the public has always shown in my abilities to resolve their issues fairly, effectively and within the law is truly humbling.

My parents raised me to understand that public service is a noble profession. One that requires you to often put your interests behind the needs of those you serve. A day never passed without dedication to that goal.

Of course, whatever good reputation I have earned over my career could not have been possible without the dedication, support and professionalism of the judges, judicial assistants, clerks, bailiffs, court personnel and attorneys I have had the privilege to work with throughout the years.

Now it is time to heed the counsel of my family, physicians and friends and begin a new chapter in my life. As proud as I am looking back on my career, I look forward

to facing new opportunities and having time to experience more of this incredible world of ours.

My hope is that the individual you appoint to fill my vacancy will be someone who has the same understanding of and commitment to public service that I have had. The people of Broward County, whom I have served for so long, deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,



Patti Englander Henning  
Circuit Court Judge

cc: Judge Jack Tuter, Chief Judge 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit