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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

RE: Retirement as Judge of the Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Group Seventeen

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I hope this finds you and the rest of Florida's First Family doing well.

It is with mixed emotions that I have decided to retire from public service after nearly 19 years of continuous service in three elective offices. This exciting and rewarding journey began in October 2004, when Governor Jeb Bush appointed me to the District School Board of Lake County. My six years on that board included one year as vice chairman and two years as chairman. In November 2010, I was honored to win election to the Florida House of Representatives, which was followed by three unopposed re-elections. My eight regular legislative session cycles included one as a subcommittee vice chairman and six as a subcommittee or committee chairman. Then, on the last day of my eighth regular session, Governor Rick Scott made a surprise visit to the House chamber and from the dais appointed me to serve as a circuit judge effective July 1, 2018.

I have been truly blessed with the opportunity to serve the citizens of my community and state in numerous ways and will never forget the many fine dedicated public servants with whom I served, and the sense of satisfaction that comes from belonging to a cause greater than oneself and doing the right thing. I am grateful to the many people who encouraged and supported my efforts along the way.

With my gratitude noted, I recognize the need to devote more of my time and energy to my family, my health and other potential uses of my life experience. To that end, I hereby resign as Judge of the Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Group Seventeen, effective at the end of the day on Saturday, July 15, 2023.

Thank you in advance for the time and effort that you will invest in selecting my successor, and may God continue to bless our Great State.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Metz".

LARRY METZ, Circuit Judge

cc: The Honorable Daniel B. Merritt, Jr., Chief Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida