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The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

Rick -

On May 31, 2015 I shall retire from the Pinellas County Court, Group 9, here in the Sixth Judicial Circuit. After having worked full-time for forty years, 27.5 years as a Judge, I shall begin to enjoy my retirement the following day, June 1, 2015.

You may recall that we met prior to the election when you appeared before the Suncoast Tiger Bay Club here in St. Petersburg. We were seated together at the head table. During our luncheon conversation we discovered that each of us had served in the Navy during the same time period upon *identical* Garcia Class Destroyer Escorts. My ship, USS Bradley, was homeported in San Diego, while yours, the USS Glover as I recall, sailed out of Mayport.

After your election as Governor we met again in St. Petersburg. You were entering the Duke Energy headquarters with members of your staff. I was wearing my Navy ball cap as I walked back to the Courthouse with a fresh cup of Starbucks coffee. You immediately recognized me and walked over to chat about our Navy experiences before continuing on to your appointment.

When you next visit St. Petersburg, please give a call. We two Veterans will reminisce about our sea cruises. *Go Navy!*

With warmest regards,

Walt

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