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Honorable Rick Scott
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The Capitol
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Dear Governor Scott:

I write to notify you that I intend to retire from the office of Circuit Judge, Group 17, Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, effective at midnight on February 28, 2018. I am providing this early notice to afford you ample time to appoint a successor and avoid strain on our circuit's judicial resources.

It was my extreme honor and privilege to have been elected to this office, and to have been of service to the citizens of the Sixth Circuit and the State of Florida for the past twenty-one years. I am especially proud of having been a judicial officer in the Sixth Circuit, among so many outstanding colleagues and staff.

On another note, I want to commend and thank you for your outstanding leadership of our State during the recent and continuing crisis of Hurricane Irma. I have no doubt that you and those in your administration are directly responsible for saving the lives of thousands of Florida's citizens with the constant warnings before the storm and the mobilization of relief efforts in the aftermath.

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Respectfully submitted,


Mark I. Shames

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