

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Colonel John T. Czernis will retire on February 28, 2011, after serving the residents and visitors of the State of Florida for more than 34 years, most recently as the Director of the Florida Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Czernis began his career of public service in 1974 as a law enforcement officer with the Vero Beach Police Department before joining the Florida Highway Patrol as a state trooper in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Czernis has served as a state trooper in Monroe and Orange counties, a traffic homicide investigator in Orange County, and a front-line supervisor in Miami-Dade and Orange counties; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Czernis has served as the Policy Administrator for Grants, Accreditation and Policy, the Chief Training Officer, the Chief Investigator, and the Director of Special Operations; and

WHEREAS, since his appointment as Director of the Florida Highway Patrol on December 1, 2007, Colonel Czernis has been a proactive leader, seeking to improve law enforcement professionalism within the Patrol with keen management insight and an emphasis on enhanced technology, equipment, and enforcement programs; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Czernis has demonstrated excellent skills in working with a wide range of stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Czernis' service to Florida includes participation in the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association, State Law Enforcement Chiefs Association, Southeastern Colonels Association, and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Czernis earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1981 and a masters degree in public administration in 2005, and is a graduate of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Senior Leadership Program and Chief Executive Seminar; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Czernis, throughout his distinguished career with the Florida Highway Patrol, has exemplified the Patrol's motto "Courtesy, Service, and Protection," bringing honor to himself, his family, his community and his state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida extend thanks and appreciation to

COLONEL JOHN T. CZERNIS

for his many years of public service and his many contributions to the state and to his country, and further commend Colonel Czernis on his outstanding career with the Florida Highway Patrol and as a loyal member of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on the 22th day of February, 2011.



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