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PRESS RELEASE

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Sheriff Edward N. Bonner is the newest president of the California State Sheriffs' Association, the second Placer County sheriff to serve in this prestigious position.

Bonner was sworn in April 16, during the CSSA's annual meeting, held this year in Monterey. The CSSA, whose members include the sheriffs of each of California's 58 counties, works to support the role of sheriff as the chief law enforcement officer in each California county and to speak as a collective voice

on matters of public safety.

"I am very pleased to be working with Sheriff Ed Bonner during his presidency of the California State Sheriffs' Association," said Jim Denney, retired sheriff and executive director of CSSA. "I have known and worked with Sheriff Bonner for many years and I know him to be a very accomplished administrator and public official. He is also fun to be around, given his propensity for humor. It should be a very exciting year with him at the helm of CSSA."

Although Bonner faces many challenges in the year ahead, he is looking forward to making a difference.

"Fourteen years ago I attended my first CSSA conference, coincidentally in Monterey. As I watched the proceedings I thought what an honor it would be to be selected as president of this organization," Bonner said. "Last Wednesday I began my year long journey into the reality of what that position holds. The state and its sheriffs are facing many challenges; from reductions in state and federal funding, local budget reductions due to the economic downturn, the potential early release of state prison inmates into our communities and many other looming issues. The sheriffs stand together to work with our elected officials, our law enforcement partners and our communities to continue to provide the highest level of public protection."

Board members assisting Bonner through his term are: Tehama County Sheriff Clay Parker, first vice president; San Benito County Sheriff Curtis Hill, second vice president; Merced County Sheriff Mark Pazin, secretary; Nevada County Sheriff Keith Royal, treasurer; and Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern, sergeant-at-arms. Fifty-six of California's 58 sheriffs participated in the conference, the highest number in recent memory. Placer County Sheriff William Scott served as CSSA president in 1965.

PHOTO CAPTION: Sheriff Ed Bonner, left, was sworn in as president of the California State Sheriffs' Association by Placer County Superior Court Judge Alan Pineschi in a ceremony held last week in Monterey.

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