

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bruce Kranz, Supervisor District 5

DATE: December 11, 2007

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Approve a Commendation recognizing California Highway Patrol Assistant Commissioner Arthur Anderson #8584 for over 30 years of service to the great people of the State of California.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Commendation recognizing California Highway Patrol Assistant Commissioner Arthur Anderson #8584 for over 30 years of service to the great people of the State of California.

BACKGROUND:

Assistant Commissioner Arthur Anderson will retire in December 2007 from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) after serving over 30 years. While he is currently a resident of Placer County, he has moved throughout the State of California during his stately career with the honored organization of the CHP. He has been assigned to Los Angeles, Sacramento, Monterey, Gilroy and the San Francisco Bay area. Prior to his current position as Assistant Commissioner, he served as the Division Commander for the Patrol's Valley Region consisting of 18 commands within the Sacramento Valley and as Commander of the CHP's Personnel and Training and Professional Standards Divisions. He rose through the ranks from Cadet to Captain and will finally retire as Assistant Commissioner responsible for direction, controlling and coordinating the Department's Field and Air Operations. Additionally, he is responsible for providing Executive protection to the Governor and Constitutional Officers of the State. His commitment and dedication has earned him respect and loyalty and he is currently the highest ranking African American on the CHP.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

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**In the Matter of a Commendation recognizing
California Highway Patrol (CHP) Assistant Commissioner,
Arthur Anderson #8584 for over 30 years of service to the
great people of the State of California.**

WHEREAS, Assistant Commissioner, Arthur Anderson served the great people of the State of California for over 30 years before retiring in December of 2007; and

WHEREAS, Arthur entered the California Highway Patrol Academy as a State Traffic Officer Cadet on March 25, 1974 and received his first assignment to the Central Los Angeles area as a State Traffic Officer on July 19, 1974 after graduating from the Academy; and

WHEREAS, with a voluntary transfer back to the CHP Academy in September 1980, Arthur continued his work as a State Traffic Officer and was promoted to Sergeant on May 1, 1981; and

WHEREAS, Arthur continued his education and personal growth throughout his career receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from California State University, Los Angeles and his Masters in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, between the years of 1984 and 1993, Sergeant Anderson promoted through the ranks to Lieutenant in 1984 and Captain in 1992 with various assignments in Monterey, Fresno and Gilroy before taking a leave of absence to serve as the Director of the Office of Traffic Safety under Governor Wilson and Governor Davis. While assigned to this position, Captain Anderson was responsible for administering over 50 million dollars annually to various communities throughout California, including Placer County, and he received numerous state and national awards for developing innovative programs; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1998, Captain Anderson was promoted to Assistant Chief working in the Office of Traffic Safety and the Golden Gate Division before promoting to Deputy Chief in the Professional Standards Division; and

WHEREAS, Arthur is a current resident of Placer County. He transferred to the Valley Division as Deputy Chief on January 1, 2001 promoted to Assistant Commissioner on May 31, 2005 and has remained with the Valley Division until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Commissioner Anderson has impacted many fellow officers with his ascension through the ranks to become the highest current ranking African American on the CHP. He will leave behind a high standard for performance and a legacy of perseverance and hard work with integrity and determination.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors thanks Assistant Commissioner Arthur Anderson for his service to the great people of the State of California and congratulates Arthur on his successful career with wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Bruce Kranz
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