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GOVERNOR APPOINTS SOUTHWORTH TO THIRD DISTRICT BENCH

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced the appointment today of Canyon County Magistrate **George Southworth** to fill a vacancy on the Third District bench left by the retirement of Judge Renae Hoff.

Judge Southworth, 59, of Nampa, is a Navy veteran and graduate of Idaho State University in Pocatello. He received his law degree from the University of Utah.

Southworth worked as an attorney in Las Vegas and as a deputy Bannock County prosecutor in Pocatello before working in private practice in Pocatello from 1983 until he was named a Third District magistrate in 2006.

Southworth and his wife Kamila have one son.

"Judge Southworth's excellent record as a magistrate and his familiarity with the Canyon County community highly recommend him for this position. He has my confidence and support as he enters this new chapter in his judicial career," Governor Otter said.

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