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**COMMISSIONER NILES ANNOUNCES RICHARD AMBROSE**

**REAPPOINTED DJJ BOARD MEMBER**

**(ATLANTA - GA)** The Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice is pleased to announce the reappointment of DJJ Board member Richard S. Ambrose by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal. Commissioner Avery D. Niles commends the reappointment of retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Richard S. Ambrose from Dooly County, Georgia.

 “We congratulate Mr. Ambrose and we welcome him to a productive second term with the DJJ Board,” said Commissioner Avery Niles. “We are pleased to follow the guidance of Georgia’s juvenile justice reforms as we work together to make this a safer, more secure agency and to develop new ways to help young offenders successfully reenter their communities when their juvenile detention commitments are complete.”

Lt. Colonel Ambrose served overseas in Germany and completed two tours of duty in Vietnam with the U.S. Army. His distinguished military career spans twenty years. He graduated from the Army’s Airborne and Ranger Schools and his extensive military education includes the basic and advanced infantry officer’s courses and the armed forces staff college.

LTC Ambrose was commissioned a second Lieutenant of Infantry when he graduated from the ROTC program at the University of Georgia with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration. He also holds a Master’s Degree in Professional Studies from Western Kentucky University. After retirement from the armed service, Mr. Ambrose taught ROTC for thirteen years at Dooly County High School.

The DJJ Board is composed of fifteen members representing each state Congressional District. Second- term Board Member Richard Ambrose is reappointed to the At-Large Board position. He resides in Vienna, Georgia.

Commissioner Niles expressed the agency’s appreciation for Mr. Ambrose’s continuing service to the Department of Juvenile Justice on the DJJ Board. DJJ Board members provide leadership and guidance to the Commissioner in an advisory capacity to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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