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RESIGNATION OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Her Majesty's announcement of the resignation of Sir Zelman Cowen as Governor-General of Australia marks the end of a very distinguished term of service by a most distinguished man in this high office.

On behalf of the Government, I place on record our deep appreciation of Sir Zelman's service to his country and our deep respect for the outstanding way in which he has carried out his duties.

Sir Zelman will be relinquishing his appointment after more than four and a half years in office. He steps down with the good wishes of all sectors of the community and our earnest hope that he and Lady Cowen will continue to enjoy health and happiness in years ahead.

The Australian people extend every good wish to Sir Zelman and Lady Cowen in their retirement.

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