

Good evening, Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Lt. Governor, Madam Chief Justice and members of the Court, members of the Cabinet, members of the Legislature, honored guests and my fellow Floridians. Good evening to you all.

I would like to take a moment and acknowledge the woman I fell in love with while serving as your Governor, the First Lady of Florida, my wonderful wife. Carole, I love you very much. I don't know what I would do without you.

This evening, more than 3,000 members of the Florida National Guard are proudly serving our country in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Not since Allied troops trained on Florida shores nearly 70 years ago have so many Floridians fought to protect our freedoms. On behalf of these thousands of Floridians, please welcome two members of our outstanding Florida National Guard.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Crist". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.