



WHEREAS, the Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, retired as a Superior Court Judge for Gaston County and North Carolina on May 28, 2021 after 28 years on the bench. His distinguished career as a Superior Court Judge was preceded by twenty years of service as a private attorney and a Public Defender in Gaston County. He grew up in Gastonia and graduated from Hunter Huss High School. A loving father and husband, he has four children with wife Gloria, and three grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government in 1971 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1973; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Caldwell served as Superior Court Judge since 1993, and as Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for the 27-A Judicial District since 1995. He is a recent President of the North Carolina Conference of Superior Court Judges, a member of the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission, the Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, and he received the Trial Judge of the Year Award in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, as Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, he graciously presided over the swearing in of elected officials in Gaston County since 1996, officiating more than twelve ceremonies during his long tenure; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Caldwell's personal commitment and care for his community is reflected in his contributions to many organizations including his service to the Criminal Justice Partnership Act Advisory Board, Gaston Community Action, Crisis Assistance Ministry, Gaston Hospice, Pioneer Girl Scout Council Board, Habitat for Humanity, Horizon House, Gaston Alternatives, the Little Theater of Gastonia, and Gaston-Lincoln Mental Health Authority as Chairman. He currently serves as a member of the Rotary Club of Gastonia, the Advisory Board for Cornerstone Christian Center, and a trustee of the Hall Charitable Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, he has taught classes at Gaston College and Gardner-Webb University, and was also an Adjunct Faculty Member at the Charlotte School of Law. He also serves as a lay preacher in the United Methodist Church, and preaches in many churches across Western North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Caldwell's service to Gaston County has earned him much deserved recognition including the Family Advocate Award from the Gaston County Commission on the Family, the Citizen of the Year Award from the Gastonia Civitan Club, and the Martin Luther King Unity Award from Gaston Together.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and congratulates

The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III

upon his retirement as a Superior Court Judge for the 27-A Judicial District. The Commission further extends its gratitude for his many notable contributions to Gaston County and wishes him continued success and health in his life and future endeavors.

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BACKGROUND

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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