



WHEREAS, Police Officer III Melvin Totten retired from the Gaston County Police Department on July 1, 2019 after serving 29 years with Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Melvin Totten has requested that he be awarded the service side arm, Heckler & Koch, Model HK-45, Serial Number HKU-023871 and badge worn during his service with Gaston County Police Department pursuant to G.S. 20-187.2, and Board Resolution #259 dated October 27, 1983.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The badge worn by Officer Totten and his service side arm, Heckler & Koch, Model HK-45, Serial Number HKU-023871 be declared surplus equipment.
2. The badge worn by Officer Totten be given to him as a remembrance of his service with the Gaston County Police Department.
3. The service side arm, Heckler & Koch, Model HK-45, Serial Number HKU-023871 be permanently retired by the Gaston County Police Department and offered to Officer Totten for a purchase price of \$1.00.
4. The Chief of the Gaston County Police Department is directed to award Officer Totten with the service side arm and badge as specified and worn by him during his service to Gaston County, in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes and the policy of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners expresses their sincere gratitude for the dedicated service of Police Officer III Melvin Totten and wishes him the best in his retirement.

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Tracy L. Philbeck, Chairman

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To be Adopted the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of July 2019