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**Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

**IN HONOR OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVICE OF  
COLONEL GERALD TOTTEN**

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Gerald Totten left a tremendous legacy of public service to Chatham County and its residents, especially young people, when he passed away on December 2, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Totten served on the Chatham County Board of Education since December 2006 and, during that time, he demonstrated a tireless devotion to the concept that good schools are essential, but that money is not always the answer to essential improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, as a school board member, Gerald Totten developed a positive working relationship with the Board of Commissioners, resulting in a true team partnership between the two boards; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Totten had a particular interest in school facilities and fought for needed renovations so that students had an appropriate environment for learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Totten also provided extraordinary service to all property owners in the county through his service on the Chatham County Board of Equalization and Review from 2003 to 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, in his role on this board, Gerald Totten heard hundreds of property tax appeals and always acted in a manner that was fair to taxpayers and to the Tax Office, while also upholding state laws; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Totten also served on other Chatham County advisory boards and committees over the years, including several related to hazardous waste and landfill siting.

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Totten initiated his public service as a member of United States Marine Corps, serving for 31 years before his retirement in 1974.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners honors the extraordinary public service of Colonel Gerald Totten. His presence and impact will be missed by our board and all of Chatham County. We extend our heartfelt sympathies and support to his family, especially: his wife Barbara; his children Lezlie and Tracy; son-in-law Norman; and his grandchildren Amber, Gerry, Jacob, and the late Ashley.

Adopted the 14th Day of December of 2009 by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

  
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George Lucier, Chairman  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

  
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Sandra B. Sublett, CMC  
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