



- WHEREAS, 2008 Forestview High School graduate and professional golfer, Mr. Harold Varner, III, is currently ranked 165 in the world and making strides on his first PGA Tour; and,
- WHEREAS, in his freshmen year on the Tour, Harold has competed in 25 events and made 16 cuts; he has four top 10 and seven top 25 finishes and has earned over \$1.2 million; and,
- WHEREAS, Harold picked up the game from his father as a child and spent countless hours in his youth on the greens at the Gastonia Municipal Golf Course and later the Gaston Country Club; and,
- WHEREAS, Harold was a three-time Big South Golf Conference Player of the Year while at Forestview and he finished as runner-up in individual standings at the North Carolina 3A Golf State Championships his junior and senior year while leading the Jaguars to a second place finish in both years; and,
- WHEREAS, teaming up with golf pro Morris Hatalsky, Harold won the Wal-Mart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach in 2007; and,
- WHEREAS, Harold had an outstanding college career at East Carolina University where he became the first player in ECU school history to be named USA Conference Player of the Year; he was a three-time All-Conference Selection, two-time Golf Coaches Association of America All-East Region Player and a five-time Conference USA Player of the Week; and,
- WHEREAS, Harold is the first African-American male to win the North Carolina Amateur Championship for stroke play, and he became the first player ever to hold both of the state's amateur titles when he won the North Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners recognizes and congratulates Gaston County's "Hometown Hero"

HAROLD VARNER, III

for his many accomplishments and his dedication and love of the game of golf and further wishes him great success in his promising career and in all future endeavors.

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