



WHEREAS, America 250 NC invited fourth-grade students from all around the state to participate in the North Carolina County Flag Challenge, where students design county flags that represent how they see their region of the state and write an essay about their work, making them think critically about local history, culture, and geography and how to symbolically represent it; and,

WHEREAS, America 250 NC provided worksheets and educational resources to assist in including the anniversary of America in the curriculum along with their curriculum on local North Carolina History; and,

WHEREAS, Jase Joyner, who attends First Wesleyan Christian School, is one of the fourth-grade students who participated in the competition; and,

WHEREAS, Jase chose to represent Gaston County with their current logo, seeing it as a positive shift for the community with its use of yellow, symbolizing prosperity and industry, navy blue, symbolizing authority and reliability, and teal, symbolizing rivers and communication, representing local strengths and showing progress while still honoring the past; and,

WHEREAS, Jase also chose to include the year 1846, representing the year Gaston County was founded; and,

WHEREAS, Jase added the sign for the Loray Mill, as Gaston County grew through the Industrial Revolution and Loray Mill was the largest of the contributions Gaston County made, being the largest single-building mill in the South and the centerpiece of textile processing in the South.

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

JASE JOYNER

for his flag and essay representing Gaston County and hereby award him as our winner of the NC County Flag Challenge!

Chad Brown, Chairman

Jim Bailey

Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman

Cathy Cloninger

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"I think [the new logo] is a positive shift for my county. The yellow is for prosperity, navy blue for reliability, and teal for communication. All these represent local strengths, history, nature, and stability. This symbolizes our county's progress, while honoring its roots."

JASE

First Wesleyan Christian