



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, Sterling Elliott, who attends school at W.A. Bess Elementary, is one of the fourth-grade students who participated in the competition; and,

WHEREAS, Sterling chose to represent Gaston County with a butterfly, a flower, trees, a sunset, and Crowders Mountain to represent the nature and beauty within our County; and,

WHEREAS, Sterling also chose to put a heart around the seal of Gaston with the text "I love Gaston County" in it to represent her love of the County; and,

WHEREAS, Sterling included many different colors, and highlighted her love of Tony's Ice Cream, while including in her accompanying essay that her family enjoys visiting the Schiele Museum and Crowders Mountain.

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

STERLING ELLIOTT

for her flag and essay representing Gaston County and hereby award her as our runner-up for the NC County Flag Challenge!

Chad Brown, Chairman

Jim Bailey

Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman

Cathy Cloninger

Tom Keigher

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GASTON COUNTY
Celebrates America 250

RUNNER UP

"I drew a butterfly, a flower, trees, and Crowder's Mountain to show the beautiful nature of our county. [...] The different colors that I chose show that our county is made up of many different people and things, and that helps make where we live special."



STERLING

W.A. Bess