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Board Action

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Commissioner Brown - Commendation - To Commend Coach Brian Craig, University of Kentucky Men's Golf Coach, Upon His Recognition at the "Tribute to Hometown Heroes" Annual Event

STAFF CONTACT

Donna S. Buff - Clerk to the Board - 704-866-3196

BACKGROUND

Coach Brian Craig, University of Kentucky Men's Golf Coach, was honored at the annual "Tribute to Hometown Heroes" event, held on Friday, August 12 at the Gaston Country Club.

ATTACHMENTS

Commendation

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	Brown	Carpenter	Fraley	Keigher	Philbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
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WHEREAS, Brian Craig, Gastonia native and current Head Coach of the University of Kentucky (UK) Men's Golf Team, is in his 15th season with the Wildcats where he has reached success at a level that has previously taken the golf program decades to accomplish. Since his acceptance of the position in 2001, the team has garnered three top-10 NCAA finishes and the University's first Southeastern Conference title in 2005; and,

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Wildcats have advanced to five NCAA Championships (five of eight total appearances in the school's history) with three consecutive top-eight finishes at the NCAA Championships and a school-best fifth-place finish in the 2006 NCAA Championship Tournament. Coach Craig guided the Wildcats to four finishes in the top-half of the SEC Championship and its first SEC Championship in 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Craig has accumulated personal honors during the span of his coaching career including 2005 SEC Coach of the Year, Eaton Golf Pride Midwest Region Coach of the Year in 2004 and 2005 and the Golf Coaches Association of America Regional Coach of the Year Award in 2004 and 2005; and,

WHEREAS, before taking the helm at UK, Coach Craig served a two-year stint as Head Coach for the University of Central Florida, and during his time there, led the Knights to a second-place finish in the 2001 Trans America Athletic Conference (TAAC). He also spent two years as an assistant coach at the University of Florida, his alma mater, where he helped lead the Gators to the 1999 SEC Championship; and,

WHEREAS, as a 1987 Ashbrook High School graduate, Brian arrived at the University of Florida ranked as the fifth best junior golfer in the nation. During his notable college career at the University of Florida, the golf program experienced one of the most successful runs in the school's history, claiming runner-up honors at the 1990 NCAA Championships and winning three SEC Championships as well as the 1992 NCAA East Region Championship title. Brian finished his four years with three Academic All-SEC honors and was named Academic All-American his senior year, graduating with honors in economics in 1992; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Craig's three-year professional golf career encompassed numerous events with notable mini-tour wins and his participation in the 1994 U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club in Pittsburgh. That same year, he finished sixth at the Jamaican Open.

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

COACH BRIAN CRAIG

for his numerous awards and accomplishments and wishes him continued success in his coaching career and in all future endeavors.

Tom Keigher, Chairman

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