



- WHEREAS, Holy Angels, one of the region's oldest non-profit organizations, was selected recently as the Montcross Area Chamber Business of The Year for 2017; and,
- WHEREAS, Since 1956, as a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, Holy Angels in Belmont, North Carolina has been a place of loving, living and learning for the differently able, and is committed to helping those children and adults, many who have delicate medical conditions, reach their greatest potential through quality, innovative programs and services; and,
- WHEREAS, Holy Angels currently serves 100 residents and offers a variety of programs and services for their residents and their residents' families; and,
- WHEREAS, Holy Angels continues to be a strong economic and educational partner in Gaston County, employing some 300 staff members, 23 support employees and an additional 31 individuals through its Life Choices program; and,
- WHEREAS, Holy Angels also contributes to the local economy through its affiliated enterprises which offer vocational training and meaningful employment opportunities for adults in its care, including Cherubs Café, which opened its doors in Belmont in 1996, followed by Cherubs Candy Bouquets, and in Cramerton, Cherubs Market, which opened in 2016 in conjunction with Life Choices adult day program; and,
- WHEREAS, Holy Angels' most recent Belmont additions include the 2017 openings of Cherubs Cotton Candy Factory and the Bliss Gallery, which features works of Holy Angels residents as well as accomplished and regional artists.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners congratulates and commends

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upon its recognition as the 2017 Montcross Area Chamber Business of the Year and extends its gratitude to the Sisters of Mercy and staff of Holy Angels for their many contributions to Gaston County and for their love and support for children and adults with intellectual developmental disabilities.

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To be Adopted the 27th Day of March 2018