



WHEREAS, the William Gaston Fourth Degree Assembly 2531 of the Knights of Columbus, named after and in honor of Gaston County's namesake Judge William Gaston, is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of its Charter; and,

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is a renowned Catholic fraternal service organization founded in 1882 in honor of Christopher Columbus, and is dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism; and,

WHEREAS, the Fourth Degree, often known as the "Patriotic Degree," is the highest degree of the Order. Chartered as an Assembly, it encompasses one or more Councils in the area and is the more visual principle, whose primary purpose is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large; and,

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus has grown to become one of the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organizations, with nearly two million members actively involved in charitable activities, community service, and advocacy for the marginalized and vulnerable; and,

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus has contributed billions of dollars to various charitable causes worldwide; in 2023 alone, the Order donated more than \$185 million to charity and more than 49 million volunteer hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners joins in commending and recognizing the

*William Gaston Fourth Degree Assembly 2531
of the Knights of Columbus*

upon the celebration of its 25th Anniversary and extends its heartfelt gratitude for their outstanding contributions to our community, their unwavering commitment to charitable causes, and their tireless efforts in making a meaningful difference in our society.

Chad Brown, Chairman

Cathy Cloninger

Kim Johnson

Allen R. Fraley

Tom Keigher

Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman

Ronald E. Worley

To be Adopted the 23rd Day of April 2024



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Board of Commissioners Board Action

File #: 24-155

Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Commendation - To Recognize the 25th Anniversary of the William Gaston Fourth Degree Assembly 2531 of the Knights of Columbus

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BACKGROUND

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Commendation

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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	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	RWorley	Vote
2024-124	04/23/2024	KJ	BH	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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