



- WHEREAS, Mr. Bobbie J. Cavnar, an English and Journalism teacher at South Point High School, was recognized on February 9, 2018 as the Nation's Top Educator by the National Education Association; and,
- WHEREAS, the NEA Foundation, a public charity founded by educators to improve public education for all students, presented Mr. Cavnar with this prestigious award, along with a \$25,000 cash prize, at its 49th Annual Salute to Excellence in Education Gala in Washington, DC; and,
- WHEREAS, he was selected for this award by his peers and has been recognized as a champion for public schools and an advocate educational equality. Ms. Harriet Sanford, President and CEO of the NEA Foundation, commended him for his advocacy on behalf of his students and fellow teachers and stated that "he represents the millions of teachers across the country who inspire a love of learning in their students"; and,
- WHEREAS, this national recognition capped off an impressive and rewarding journey that began in 2014 when Mr. Cavnar was named the South Point High School Teacher of the Year, followed by Gaston County Teacher of the Year and Southwest Region Teacher of the Year honors in 2015, and the Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year award for 2016-2017; and,
- WHEREAS, in his role as the North Carolina Teacher of the Year, Mr. Cavnar spent a year traveling the State and Nation celebrating the value of public education and exchanging valuable ideas and insight with lawmakers and fellow education professionals. His travels also took him overseas where he observed teaching practices and vocational programs in schools and colleges throughout Germany; and,
- WHEREAS, during that year, he was appointed as an advisor to the State Board of Education, served on the Board of Directors for the N.C. Public School Forum and participated in the Education Policy Fellowship Program. He was also named as one of twenty-four teachers across the State to serve on the newly-formed Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee; and,
- WHEREAS, Mr. Cavnar began his teaching career eighteen years ago in Florida and has been a language arts educator at South Point High School for the last fourteen years. He holds a Bachelor of Science in English Education from Florida State University and a Master of Arts in English from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

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

Mr. Bobbie J. Cavnar

upon being named the 2018 recipient of the NEA Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence and for the many well-deserved accolades and awards bestowed upon him at the local, regional and state level. The Board further extends its appreciation for his model leadership, compassion and exceptional work as a Gaston County educator.

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To be Adopted the 24th Day of April 2018