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Gaston County Board of Education **RESOLUTION**

recognizing the significance of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Literature Week

WHEREAS, reading is a foundation for success and an essential tool in the learning process, and students are encouraged to imagine, discover, learn, and grow through the exploration of literature; and

WHEREAS, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards are presented each year by the American Library Association to recognize excellent books for children and young adults that are written and illustrated by African Americans and reflect the African American experience; and

WHEREAS, the United States observes the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday in January and Black History Month in February – the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Literature Week (January 19-23, 2026) coincides with the two national observances and also is part of the America 250 celebration to highlight the many accomplishments and contributions of African American authors, illustrators, poets, essayists, novelists, and others who have had a significant influence on literature in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, educators are encouraged to bring attention to the books that have won the Coretta Scott King Award as these literary works are ideal for classroom teaching and learning and student engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Education is proud to support enriching activities that promote reading, raise awareness of history, and celebrate culture and also commends the efforts of the African American Museum of History and Culture at Loray Mill to highlight the significance of African American history, culture, and literature in Gaston County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of the Board of Education, adopted this the twenty-third day of January, 2026.

Joshua D. Crisp, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Education

Morgan A. Houchar, Superintendent
Gaston County Schools

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