

By: Representative Evans

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the City of Cabot was recognized by Arkansas Business as a  
2024 Trendsetter City in the Technology and Security category for its  
broadband initiative; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Business Trendsetter City status is a status which  
recognizes cities and towns throughout the State of Arkansas whose innovative  
initiatives for community development and economic growth inspire change and  
make a difference in Arkansas, improving local quality of life and  
encouraging sustainable economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cabot partnered with Connect2First to develop a  
comprehensive fiber optic network that covers every resident and business in  
the city limits, a twenty million dollar (\$20,000,000) bond project that has  
boosted economic development, improved health care and educational access,



and made the City of Cabot one of Arkansas's first "multi-gig" cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cabot also received an honorable mention in the Arkansas Business Tourism Development and Creative Culture category for Gametime at the Grounds, a regional indoor mega sports complex that is the first and only one of its kind in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Gametime at the Grounds in the City of Cabot is a one hundred twenty-eight thousand square foot (128,000 sq. ft.) sports facility boasting nine (9) full-sized high school regulation basketball courts that transition to seventeen (17) full-sized volleyball courts or twenty-seven (27) pickleball courts, and the facility also features a large indoor turf area designed for regulation indoor soccer and softball and baseball batting practice; and

WHEREAS, Gametime at the Grounds is a project expected to generate significant revenue for local businesses and strengthen the reputation of the City of Cabot as a sports hub; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cabot's designation as a Trendsetter City by Arkansas Business reflects the city's role in advancing regional prosperity with creative strategies and community collaboration and is a powerful testament to the city's strong position for future growth in business and development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cabot was featured in the December 16, 2024, edition of Arkansas Business magazine, and was further celebrated at the Arkansas Municipal League's annual Winter Meeting in January 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cabot's commitment to visionary leadership, resident engagement, and progressive growth strategies places it among Arkansas's most pioneering communities, and the city strategically balances the revitalization of its historic downtown with innovation of technology for the future,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize the City of Cabot as recipient in 2024 of a Trendsetter City award from Arkansas Business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to the leaders of the City of Cabot by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.