

**RESOLUTION RENAMING OF BELSAW-MT. VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO
THE JASON A. CAFFEY ACADEMY OF THE ARTS and SCIENCE
RESOLUTION #06-12-2018**

WHEREAS, the former Belsaw-Mt. Vernon Elementary School was a school dedicated to E.T. Belsaw and located at 1650 Gartman Circle, Mt. Vernon, Alabama 36560; and

WHEREAS, Belsaw-Mt. Vernon Elementary School was permanently closed by a vote of the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County on or about May 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mt. Vernon, Alabama wishes to use the former Belsaw-Mt. Vernon Elementary School and its grounds as a community center, youth recreation center and place of learning; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mt. Vernon has voted to rename the former Belsaw-Mt. Vernon Elementary School to the **JASON A. CAFFEY ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**.

WHEREAS, Jason A. Caffey (hereinafter "Caffey") was born on June 12, 1973 and grew up in Mobile, Alabama where he attended Davidson High School; and

WHEREAS, Caffey was a tremendously successful professional basketball player in his youth and was ultimately selected with the twentieth pick in the first round of the 1995 NBA draft by the Chicago Bulls; and

WHEREAS, Caffey enjoyed a long and successful career playing for three different NBA teams, including the Golden State Warriors, Milwaukee Bucks, and Chicago Bulls where he won two NBA Championships in 1996 and 1997; and

WHEREAS, off the basketball court, Caffey was actively involved in the life of the community where he would serve on weekends and summers as an organizer of intramural sports events and competitions for children and future leaders in the community and also dedicate his time to helping find homes for the mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, Caffey's philosophy of sound fundamentals and good sportsmanship contributed to character building and pride in teamwork and in the community. The teams on which he played were noted for their teamwork, discipline and quickness, resulting in two NBA Championships and multiple division championships; and

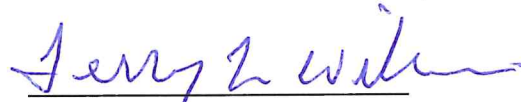
WHEREAS, the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County entered into a lease agreement with the Town of Mt. Vernon to allow the Town to operate the former Belsaw-Mt. Vernon School and its grounds for use as a community center, youth recreation center and place of learning; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mt. Vernon wishes to rename the former Belsaw-Mt. Vernon School and its grounds the Jason A. Caffey Academy of the Arts; and

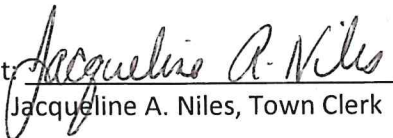
WHEREAS, the proposal to rename the former Belsaw-Mt. Vernon School to the proposed Jason A. Caffey Academy of the Arts has strong community support.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Mt. Vernon that it hereby supports the effort to rename the former Belsaw-Mt. Vernon School located at 1650 Gartman Circle, Mt. Vernon, Alabama 36560, to the Jason A. Caffey Academy of the Arts, and no other property owners' addresses will be affected or changed hereby.

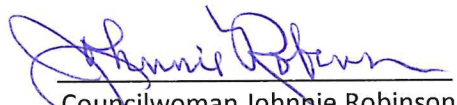
Adopted this 12th Day of June 2018



Mayor Terry Williams

Attest: 

Jacqueline A. Niles, Town Clerk




Councilwoman Johnnie Robinson



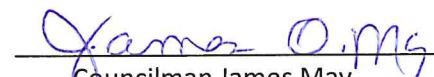
Councilman Cecil Driskell



Councilman Brian Henderson



Councilman Jeffery Bolden



Councilman James May

