

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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HR 1080

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5 By: Representative Evans  
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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE CITY OF CABOT AS RECIPIENT IN 2024  
10 OF A TRENDSETTER CITY AWARD FROM ARKANSAS BUSINESS  
11 AND AN HONORABLE MENTION IN THE ARKANSAS BUSINESS  
12 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND CREATIVE CULTURE CATEGORY.  
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15 **Subtitle**

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17 RECIPIENT IN 2024 OF A TRENDSETTER CITY  
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19 HONORABLE MENTION IN THE ARKANSAS  
20 BUSINESS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND  
21 CREATIVE CULTURE CATEGORY.  
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23 WHEREAS, the City of Cabot was recognized by Arkansas Business as a  
24 2024 Trendsetter City in the Technology and Security category for its  
25 broadband initiative; and  
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27 WHEREAS, Arkansas Business Trendsetter City status is a status which  
28 recognizes cities and towns throughout the State of Arkansas whose innovative  
29 initiatives for community development and economic growth inspire change and  
30 make a difference in Arkansas, improving local quality of life and  
31 encouraging sustainable economic development; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the City of Cabot partnered with Connect2First to develop a  
34 comprehensive fiber optic network that covers every resident and business in  
35 the city limits, a twenty million dollar (\$20,000,000) bond project that has  
36 boosted economic development, improved health care and educational access,



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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36 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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4 THAT the House of Representatives recognize the City of Cabot as  
5 recipient in 2024 of a Trendsetter City award from Arkansas Business.  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
8 provided to the leaders of the City of Cabot by the Chief Clerk of the House  
9 of Representatives.

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