

*RESOLUTION HONORING*

**JAMES MOESER**

*CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL*

*THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA*

**WHEREAS, JAMES MOESER** who was appointed in April 2000 to serve as its ninth Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has demonstrated honest and fearless leadership throughout his tenure; and

**WHEREAS,** He embraced a vision for the future, focusing on making the University the best it could be by demanding excellence and striving to make it America's leading public university; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2003, aware that North Carolina's brightest high school students from low-income families believed they could not afford to attend his University, Dr. Moeser led the creation of Carolina Covenant, a program which promises the opportunity to earn a UNC Chapel Hill diploma debt-free, a concept that is recognized throughout higher education and is being duplicated across the country; and

**WHEREAS,** Chancellor Moeser skillfully guided the University through the Carolina First Campaign which became the most successful fund-raising effort in its history, raising \$2.38 billion to finish as the fifth largest completed campaign in U.S. higher education, more than doubling the University's total endowment; and

**WHEREAS,** Under his leadership, the campus underwent an unprecedented physical transformation made possible by North Carolinians' overwhelming approval of the \$3.1 billion bond referendum for higher education in 2000, a building program that added 6 million square feet of facilities to the main campus, improved pedestrian access and incorporated innovative sustainability features as part of the campus master plan; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Moeser, in support of goals and strategies put forward by the Board of Governors, directed the development and adoption of an academic plan which outlines major academic priorities, determined strategies to reallocate resources to the University's highest priorities, nurtured growth in faculty research funding, worked to improved faculty salaries, reversed a negative faculty recruitment and retention trend, enhanced undergraduate education, set about to improve graduation rates, and strengthened the focus on internationalization and a global mission; and

**WHEREAS,** Chancellor Moeser championed the University's longtime commitment to diversity and vigorously defended free speech and academic freedom on numerous occasions, demonstrating true strength of character; and

**WHEREAS,** He will retire as Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on June 30, 2008, after eight years of distinguished service, but to the delight of all, will return to the exalted position of professor;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina express its unbridled gratitude to **JAMES MOESER** for his distinguished leadership to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, to the University of North Carolina, and to the State.

*This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008*