

APPENDIX JJ

RESOLUTION HONORING
JAMES H. AMMONS, JR.
CHANCELLOR, NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, JAMES H. AMMONS, JR., has served as the Chancellor of North Carolina Central University since 2001, all the while demonstrating strong leadership throughout his tenure while meeting every challenge; and

WHEREAS, He hit the ground running, overseeing an enrollment growth that resulted in 6.1 % increase for the 2001 Fall Semester; establishing the NCCU Business and Industry Cluster, a corporate group of campus supporters; recruiting his first scholar from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics; and launching the chancellor's *Cycle of Success* scholarship; and

WHEREAS, In 2002-2003, Dr. Ammons ensured that NCCU met the Board of Governors' mandate for enrollment growth with a double digit growth increase of 13%, while enrolling the first National Achievement Scholar; recruited the Southeast Consortium for Mathematics and Engineering (SECME) to partner with NCCU to launch the Early College High School that has become a national model in the area of high school reform and innovations; and

WHEREAS, In his third year Chancellor Ammons continued to guide NCCU to significant achievements, beginning with a record enrollment of 7,191 students; the first clean audit in 20 years; and a grant of \$19.1 million from the Golden LEAF Foundation to support the Biotechnology Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE) Center of Excellence. The capital construction program advanced under his leadership, with the campus experiencing a 13.1% increase in African American participation in the Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) program; and

WHEREAS, He increased the exposure of the university when NCCU set a new goal for the Tom Joyner Foundation 'School of the Month' campaign by securing \$555,000 for scholarships; and he launched a 16 city tour for recruitment, public relations, fundraising and interacting with alumni, with a talented student recruitment group known as *NCCU Spirit*, that traveled and told the history and current value of NCCU; and

WHEREAS, Enrollment growth was sustained through the fourth year of Dr. Ammons' administration, reaching an all-time high of 7,727 students; the official opening of the Early College High School program began with 90 students; and the year was capped with a special appropriation from the North Carolina General Assembly of \$6 million for the BRITE Center; and

WHEREAS, These many achievements are noteworthy because of the challenges of severe budget reductions for two consecutive years, environmental concerns in the historic and new facilities, loss of accreditation of the School of Business, and two separate tragic incidents involving NCCU students, which Dr. Ammons faced with strong leadership and steadfast commitment to direct the campus through these dark days into better times; and

WHEREAS, He will retire as Chancellor of North Carolina Central University on June 30, 2007, after six years of dedicated and dynamic service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina acknowledge his legacy, leaving the university firmly established with innovative academic programs, providing an extraordinary experience for students and alumni, raising significant funds for scholarships and professional development opportunities, and establishing fiscal integrity for the University; and express its gratitude to **JAMES H. AMMONS, JR.,** for his inspiring leadership to North Carolina Central University, to the University of North Carolina, and to the State.

This the 11th day of May 2007

Jim W. Phillips, Jr., *Chairman*

Patsy B. Perry, *Secretary*