

APPENDIX M

RESOLUTION HONORING

MICKEY LYNN BURNIM

CHANCELLOR, ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, MICKEY LYNN BURNIM has demonstrated strong leadership as the Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Burnim has strengthened relationships with the Elizabeth City community through his membership on boards, councils, and committees that promote the educational, economic, and cultural development of the City and northeastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, His impact has extended globally through his university and community partnerships; his support of ECSU's role in the federal government's African Textbook Initiative; the travel of the University Choir to Nigeria, West Africa; as well as the international travel of students to foreign countries including Australia, Venezuela, France, and Swaziland, where they have participated in research and study projects; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure ECSU has experienced significant enrollment growth, implemented a state-of-the-art technology infrastructure, engaged in a major capital construction program, and increased private fundraising, leading the ECSU Board of Trustees to name the ECSU Fine Arts Center in his honor in 2004; and

WHEREAS, He was the catalyst behind ECSU's national recognition by the Education Trust for the university's high graduation rate and its consistent ranking by *U. S. News and World Report* as #3 among its peer institutions of Top Public Comprehensive Colleges in the South; and

WHEREAS, He broadened ECSU's academic offerings with the establishment of four master's degree programs, and in conjunction with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, made a doctoral program in pharmacy available on the campus; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Burnim previously served the University of North Carolina as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at North Carolina Central University and as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at UNC General Administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina acknowledges the dedicated service of Chancellor Burnim and applauds his tireless efforts on behalf of the students of Elizabeth City State University and the citizens of North Carolina;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors express its gratitude to **MICKEY LYNN BURNIM** for his commitment to teaching, research, and public service, and extend best wishes to him and his family as he assumes the presidency of Bowie State University, a member institution of the University of Maryland.

This the 11th day of August 2006

Jim W. Phillips, Jr., *Chairman*

Patsy B. Perry, *Secretary*