

APPENDIX B

**REMARKS BY DR. H. HOLDEN THORP
CHANCELLOR-ELECT OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**

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Dr. Thorp thanked President Bowles, the search committee members, and the members of the Board of Trustees. He remarked that he is grateful for the opportunity to lead the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He introduced his family members who were present. He thanked the members of the Board of Governors for their vote of confidence in selecting him. He remarked that this was the best job in American higher education. He recognized Chancellor Moeser, who has been a tremendous leader and who has left the University in great strength.

Dr. Thorp remarked that as a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he majored in chemistry and worked with Carolina's best faculty. Those experiences inspired him to become a college professor and obtain his *dream* job as Dean of the Chemistry Department at UNC Chapel Hill. He spoke of the University as a place where research and teaching are done by the same people and the fact that UNC Chapel Hill is a *public* research University. He thanked the General Assembly for its continued support to the public universities. He mentioned the *UNC Tomorrow* initiative and how it identifies the future needs of the State. He pledged that UNC Chapel Hill will work with its sister campuses to create solutions that will propel North Carolina into the future and that the next generation will be given the opportunity to afford and receive a world class college education from a public institution in North Carolina. He closed by noting that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is today what it has always been, the "light on the hill. Let It Shine! Let It Shine! Let It Shine!"

Thank you.