



**RESOLUTION HONORING  
ERSKINE BOYCE BOWLES  
PRESIDENT  
*THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA***

**WHEREAS, ERSKINE BOYCE BOWLES** has served since 2006 as the sixteenth President of the University of North Carolina, the first public university in America to open its doors to students; and

**WHEREAS,** During his five-year tenure, he continually has sought out ways to operate the University more efficiently and effectively, streamlining administration and implementing numerous operational improvements; and

**WHEREAS,** In the midst of the worst economic environment since the Great Depression, he has maintained the trust and confidence of state and federal elected leaders and has worked diligently and effectively to protect the University's Academic Core; and

**WHEREAS,** He was instrumental in the conception, planning, and execution of the UNC Tomorrow initiative, which identified how the University must realign academic missions, programs, and resources to meet the current and future needs of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** Under his leadership the Board of Governors adopted a voluntary accountability plan, set performance measures to gauge the University's progress toward meeting established goals, and revamped the approval process for new degree programs to be more responsive to identified state needs; and

**WHEREAS,** He has insisted that the University do more to support and strengthen our public schools, as evidenced by the revision of UNC's teacher education programs, the restructuring of the UNC Center for School Leadership Development, and the commissioning of a major longitudinal study to assess the effectiveness of North Carolina's teacher education and school leadership programs; and

**WHEREAS,** He has been a staunch and effective advocate for keeping UNC campuses accessible and affordable—implementing a four-year tuition plan that brought a new level of consistency and predictability to the tuition process, securing record levels of need-based financial aid for in-state undergraduates, and launching UNC Online, which now offers more than 150 degree programs fully online; and

**WHEREAS,** Under his leadership the University has taken coordinated steps to improve retention and graduation rates, including raising admissions standards, establishing intensive summer "academic boot camps," offering more intensive academic advising and counseling, setting retention and graduation goals for every campus, and tying future enrollment growth to significant progress toward achieving those goals; and

**WHEREAS,** He has helped facilitate unprecedented levels of cooperation and collaboration between the University and North Carolina's Community College System; and

**WHEREAS,** With his strong encouragement, the University has taken a larger and more active role in statewide economic transformation, revamping the technology transfer process and focusing faculty research and outreach on areas of strategic importance to the state; and

**WHEREAS,** With the full support of the Board of Governors, he also has served our nation as co-chairman of the President's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform; and

**WHEREAS,** He has carried out all of these duties with uncommon skill, dedication, and integrity, earning the respect and admiration of citizens across the state; and

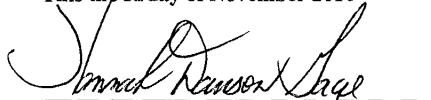
**WHEREAS,** As a result of his visionary leadership, the people of North Carolina will be better educated and better equipped to compete successfully in today's knowledge-base global economy; and


**WHEREAS,** He will conclude his service as President on December 31, 2010;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina expresses its gratitude and deepest appreciation to **ERSKINE BOYCE BOWLES** for his extraordinary contributions to the University, the state, and nation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that as of January 1, 2011, **ERSKINE BOYCE BOWLES** be designated and known as *President Emeritus* of the University of North Carolina.

**This the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010**

  
Hannah Dawson Gage, *Chairman*

  
Estelle "Bunny" Sanders, *Secretary*