

APPENDIX M

RESOLUTION HONORING

CLIFTON BLAKE METCALF

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS CLIFTON BLAKE METCALF has served the University of North Carolina with distinction for more than a decade, first joining the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1990 as Director of News Services and rising to the post of Associate Vice Chancellor for University Relations; and

WHEREAS he served from 1996 to 1998 as Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs at Appalachian State University; and

WHEREAS he was named the University's first Associate Vice President for State Governmental Affairs in 1998, following a seven-month assignment as Interim Vice President for Public Affairs; and

WHEREAS in his current position he has served as the University's principal representative to the North Carolina General Assembly and state government agencies, carrying out these duties with unfailing professionalism, integrity, and devotion; and

WHEREAS he has been a tenacious and effective advocate for the University's highest legislative priorities, helping to protect and augment the University's budgets even during periods of severely constrained resources and political divisiveness; and

WHEREAS he has helped shepherd many complex initiatives of lasting importance through the General Assembly, including legislation leading to statewide passage of a \$3.1-billion construction bond issue for the University and the state's community colleges, the largest bond issue in the history of American higher education; and

WHEREAS as a well-informed champion of public higher education he has earned the respect and admiration of legislators, board members, and colleagues across the University and throughout state government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina recognizes the significant contributions of and expresses its gratitude to **CLIFTON BLAKE METCALF** for his exceptional service to the University and the State.

Adopted by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors on January 11, 2002

Benjamin S. Ruffin, *Chairman*
G. Irvin Aldridge, *Secretary*