



RESOLUTION HONORING

H. HOLDEN THORP

CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, **H. HOLDEN THORP** has served as the 10th Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, his alma mater, since 2008, having begun his love affair with his University some three decades ago; and

WHEREAS, This chemist, inventor, musician, professor, and entrepreneur excelled every step of the way as he advanced to become one of the youngest leaders of a university in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Under Chancellor Thorp's leadership, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has risen to the top 10 research universities for the level of federal funding devoted to research and development, demonstrating remarkable success in attracting research contracts and grants despite the severe economic downturn during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, His priorities have included protecting Carolina's legendary commitment to providing high-quality education at an affordable price – core values that have kept the University and Chancellor Thorp in the spotlight as leaders in the national debate about college costs and the future of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Thorp and the University launched *Innovate@Carolina: Important Ideas for a Better World*, a roadmap for innovation in science, business, medicine, nonprofits and academia with a focus on building a culture of innovation permeating every corner of the campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thorp presided over an unprecedented increase in undergraduate admissions over a five-year period, from all regions of the country, as prospective students are aware that Carolina offers a top-quality education at an affordable price, and noted by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* which has ranked the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as the nation's #1 academic value for 12 consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Thorp has enhanced his University's partnership with the Town of Chapel Hill's leadership to advance projects that benefit both Carolina and the community, collaborating on such critical initiatives as the approval of a 20-year development agreement for the planned mixed-use academic campus north of the main campus, known as Carolina North; and

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WHEREAS, He will conclude his service as Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on June 30, 2013, yet continues his strong commitment to higher education as the provost at Washington University in St. Louis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina express its sincere gratitude to **H. HOLDEN THORP** for his long standing and meritorious leadership to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, to the University of North Carolina, and to the State.

This the 14th day of June 2013

Peter D. Hans, *Chairman*

Ann B. Goodnight, *Secretary*