

RESOLUTION HONORING

CHARLES H. MERCER, JR.

MEMBER, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, CHARLES H. MERCER, JR., has served as a valued member of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina since 2001; and

WHEREAS, He served with distinction on each of the board's standing committees, the Audit Committee from 2007 until 2009; the Committee on Budget and Finance from 2009 until 2011, serving as its vice chairman from 2009 until 2010 and then as its chairman from 2010 until 2011; the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs from 2001 until 2004; the Committee on Personnel and Tenure from 2004 until 2007, serving as its chairman from 2005 until 2007, and again from 2011 until 2013; the Committee on Public Affairs from 2005 until 2006;and the Committee on University Governance from 2007 until 2009, serving as it chairman from 2008 until 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mercer provided strong leadership to several special committees of the board, including the Committee on the O. Max Gardner Award in 2002 as its chairman; the Tuition Task Force from 2005 through 2006 as its co-chairman; and the Leadership Statement Committee of the 2010 Presidential Search; and

WHEREAS, He has promoted the understanding of the unique, historical social compact between the people of North Carolina and the University; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished attorney has forever been a vocal advocate for *Academic Freedom* throughout the University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mercer has been a strong supporter for student access, affordable tuition, and educational quality; and

WHEREAS, He is a strong proponent of improving student retention and graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, Counselor Mercer has carried out his duties as a member of the Board of Governors with dignity and resolve, providing valued leadership and sound judgment throughout his service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina express its sincere gratitude to **CHARLES H. MERCER, JR.**, for his long standing and loyal service to the University and to the State of North Carolina.

This the 14th day of June 2013

Peter D. Hans, Chairman