

APPENDIX A

*RESOLUTION HONORING*

**GRETCHEN M. BATAILLE**

*INTERIM CHANCELLOR, NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS*

*SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS*

*THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA*

**WHEREAS, GRETCHEN M. BATAILLE** began her service to the 16-campus University of North Carolina as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs in March 2000, distinguishing herself with a strong commitment to academic excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** She worked with the Board of Governors and the constituent institutions to improve policies for faculty employment, evaluation, and advancement in order to strengthen faculty recruitment, development, and retention at all campuses; and

**WHEREAS,** She was a staunch advocate for the outreach program of the College Foundation of North Carolina to make the possibility of college attendance a reality for thousands of qualified students who might otherwise have never broadened their horizons; and

**WHEREAS,** She worked to increase the minimum course requirements for admission to the University in order to have students better prepared in high school and more likely to meet with success in their college experience; and

**WHEREAS,** She promoted the strengthening of the University's Articulation Agreement with the Community Colleges of North Carolina, and the addition of a policy of assured admission to a constituent institution of the University for Associate of Arts and Associate of Science graduates of the community colleges; and

**WHEREAS,** She supported internationalization in the University of North Carolina by expanding agreements with international educational institutions and systems to complement campus-based exchanges, thereby expanding opportunities for students to study abroad and for international students to study in the University; and

**WHEREAS,** Under her leadership external funding for campus research has grown by 70%; and

**WHEREAS,** She was a passionate advocate of the UNC in Washington program, which was established under her leadership and has completed its first year of successful operation, giving our students an exceptional educational experience in our nation's Capitol; and

**WHEREAS,** She sought to expand the support for the Distinguished Professorship Program to its current level of \$8 million per year, thereby providing more opportunities for all campuses to participate in the program; and

**WHEREAS**, She was appointed Interim Chancellor of the North Carolina School of the Arts as of July 1, 2005, and has stridently and passionately upheld the mission of the school and has faithfully honored the vision of its founders, and

**WHEREAS**, She will continue to serve the University as a member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, effective July 1, 2006;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina express its sincere gratitude to **GRETCHEN M. BATAILLE** for her exceptional leadership and many contributions to the University and all of higher education.

*This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006*

J. Bradley Wilson, *Chairman*

Patsy B. Perry, *Secretary*