

APPENDIX B

RESOLUTION HONORING

RICHARD L. THOMPSON

VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, RICHARD L. THOMPSON has devoted a distinguished career spanning more than 40 years to improving public education at all levels; and

WHEREAS, He has served the 16-campus University of North Carolina in several key capacities, including Director of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching from 1992 to 1994, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1994 to 1995, and Vice President for University-School Programs since 2002;

WHEREAS, He was recruited back to North Carolina as UNC Vice President after serving as Mississippi's State Superintendent of Education; and

WHEREAS, His extensive service to the University has included adjunct appointments in the School of Education at UNC Greensboro and the College of Education at UNC Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's educational community has further benefited from his dedicated service as a high school teacher, principal, local school superintendent, and Deputy State Superintendent of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction; and

WHEREAS, He has advocated and instituted innovative ideas in support of K-12 education, with special emphasis on cross-sector collaboration, instructional technology, and educational equity; and

WHEREAS, He has provided leadership for important policy-making committees, advisory boards, and task forces addressing critical K-16 education matters on behalf of the University and the state of North Carolina, including the Board of Governors' Task Force on Meeting Teacher Supply and Demand; the State Board of Education Teacher Retention, Lateral Entry and Professional Development Committees; and the Governor's Teacher Working Conditions Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, He has provided valuable insight and guidance to professional development programs housed within the UNC Center for School Leadership Development, members of the Board of Governors and its standing committees, members of the General Assembly, colleagues across the 16 UNC campuses and in other sectors of education, as well as other policy makers at the state, regional, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors he has adhered to the highest professional standards, motivated others through his own dedication and enthusiasm, and maintained a constant focus on the needs of our state's children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina honor and pay tribute to **RICHARD L. THOMPSON**, for his extraordinary commitment to public education and his dedicated service to the University of North Carolina.

This the 9th day of June 2006

J. Bradley Wilson, Chairman

Patsy B. Perry, Secretary