



RESOLUTION HONORING

RAY S. FARRIS

MEMBER, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, RAY S. FARRIS, has been a respected member of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina since 1997; and

WHEREAS, He served with distinction on four of the board's standing committees, the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs from 1997 until 1998, returning from 1999 until 2003, and returning once more from 2006 until 2009, serving as its vice chairman from 2006 until 2007 and its chairman from 2007 until 2008; the Committee on Budget and Finance from 1998 until 1999, returning from 2003 until 2006; the Audit Committee from 2006 until 2007; and the Committee on Public Affairs from 2007 until 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farris provided inspirational leadership to numerous special committees of the board, including the Committee on the Awards for Excellence in Teaching in 1998 and 2003, serving as the chairman in 2003; the Committee on Tuition and Fees Policy in 2002; the Tuition Policy Task Force in 2005; the Committee on the Cost of Textbooks in 2005; the Presidential Search Committee in 2005; the Committee on the O. Max Gardner Award in 2005; the Committee on the University Award in 2005, serving as its chairman; and the Committee on Excellence in Public Service in 2007; and numerous other special committees; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Board of Governors worked closely with Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., and members of the North Carolina General Assembly to secure legislation authorizing a referendum on a \$3.1-billion bond issue for university and community college construction; and

WHEREAS, On November 7, 2000, three out of four North Carolina voters cast ballots in support of the Higher Education Improvement Bonds, representing the largest bond referendum for public education in U. S. History; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished attorney, Mr. Farris was ever vigilant, researching and reviewing critical issues to insure that the Board had adequately vetted and found proper solutions to the myriad problems facing higher education; and

WHEREAS, He has carried out his duties as a member of the Board of Governors with dignity and conviction, providing valued leadership and counsel throughout his service on the board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina express its deep gratitude to **RAY S. FARRIS**, for his dedicated and loyal service to the University and to the State of North Carolina.

This the 8th day of May 2009

{tc \12 "Adopted by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors on May 9, 2003.}

Hannah D. Gage, *Chairman*

Estelle "Bunny" Sanders, *Secretary*