



RESOLUTION HONORING

ROSEMARY DEPAOLO

CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, ROSEMARY DEPAOLO has served as the Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington since 2003, demonstrating sound vision and strength of conviction throughout her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor DePaolo began a process of intense introspection so that UNCW could move in the direction it wanted to be over the next few decades, her goal being to take the University from good to great; and

WHEREAS, This “Good is the enemy of great” mantra led to a detailed plan as she created a road map to excellence. This would be achieved by setting seven strategic goals as a roadmap to deliver the highest quality academic experience. Chancellor DePaolo never took her eye off her strategic priorities during her eight years of service to UNCW. She has guided the University to greatness through the use of benchmarking, planning and progress measures; and

WHEREAS, She has worked tirelessly to establish UNCW as a supply and conduit for economic development for the entire southeast region of the state; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DePaolo desire to reach beyond the physical walls of the campus and to cast a wide net into the community at large, UNCW’s partnership with Coastal Carolina Community College and Camp Lejeune opened up numerous opportunity for veterans, active military and their families to meet higher education goals; and

WHEREAS, Because of UNCW’s strategic coastal location, its Center for Marine Science has become recognized as a national site for conducting research that contributes to understanding environmental processes; and

WHEREAS, As a testament to Chancellor DePaolo’s strategic leadership skills, UNCW doubled their endowment during her tenure from \$25 million to more than \$60 million even as an unprecedented financial crisis hit the University system and the entire country; and

WHEREAS, UNCW has received strong recognition in national education rankings. In 2010 UNCW ranked in the top 5 public master’s universities in the south in *US News and World Report*. UNCW was included in the *Fiske Guide to Colleges*, *The Princeton Review* placed UNCW on its “Best in the Southeast,” *G.I. Jobs* named UNCW as one of the nation’s most “military friendly” schools and according to *Poets & Writers* magazine, UNCW master’s program in creative writing ranks second among all non-fiction programs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DePaolo will retire as Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington on June 30, 2011, after eight years of exemplary service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina express its sincere gratitude to **ROSEMARY DEPAOLO** for her long standing and unwavering leadership to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, to the University of North Carolina, and to the State.

This the 10th day of June 2011

Hannah D. Gage, *Chairman*

Estelle “Bunny” Sanders, *Secretary*