



RESOLUTION HONORING

RANDALL C. RAMSEY

CHAIR, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS RANDALL C. RAMSEY, will soon complete his term of exceptional and distinguished leadership as the longest serving chair of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina. Since assuming the chairmanship of the Board, Chair Ramsey has provided steadfast leadership for the University of North Carolina System, brought focus to our core mission of teaching, and established clear metrics for student success; and

WHEREAS Chair Ramsey brought to the Board of Governors a newfound commitment to measured, thoughtful debate over some of the weightiest issues facing the University as it serves the people of North Carolina. Chair Ramsey's high expectations and demand for concrete results set a new tone for the University in the decades ahead; and,

WHEREAS, Chair Ramsey has promoted the benefits of operating under a consolidated System, enhancing ties between our constituent institutions and fostering stronger collaboration between the Board of Governors and each of the 17 constituent boards of trustees across the UNC System; and

WHEREAS Chair Ramsey has been a dedicated advocate for maintaining low tuition and fees, ensuring that higher education remains accessible and affordable to all students. Chair Ramsey has championed transformative policies such as the all-funds budget and the performance-weighted funding model, ensuring resources are focused on graduating more North Carolinians on-time and with less debt, thereby advancing the University's mission of accessible and high-quality education; and

WHEREAS Chair Ramsey has supported UNC System faculty and staff in overseeing a comprehensive analysis of policies that support and advance faculty excellence, including faculty workload, post-tenure review, and faculty awards and recognition. He has helped to reinforce the strength of the University, with the Board of Governors approving updated mission statements and peer universities for constituent institutions to maintain a coordinated and effective system of higher education. He has fostered a renewed focus on civics education and the critical role that public universities play in advancing an understanding of the foundations of American democracy; and

WHEREAS Chair Ramsey's honest approach and steady demeanor positively impacted day-to-day work with our federal and state government stakeholders. His leadership has instilled a level of confidence in our System that directly affects our advocacy efforts and immeasurably strengthens these important relationships; and

WHEREAS Chair Ramsey has been a staunch champion of campus safety and the dedicated men and women of our campus police departments who work tirelessly every day to keep our institutions safe. In an era when law enforcement across the country have experienced significant challenges, Chair Ramsey set the tone for the entire System, letting our campus law enforcement officials know they are valued and respected. Under his leadership the Board has strengthened our campus public safety departments by expanding educational benefits, enhancing training opportunities, and increasing compensation structures; and

WHEREAS Chair Ramsey epitomizes what it means to be a servant leader, more concerned with solving problems and doing what's right for students than with who gets the credit. He works with a sense of urgency, and his leadership is evident in the results he has delivered: a UNC System that is more accessible, efficient, and successful than ever before. Chair Ramsey brought steadfast and stable leadership to the UNC System when it needed it the most; and

WHEREAS Chair Ramsey will conclude his extraordinary service as chair of the Board of Governors on June 30, 2024, but will continue to serve as a valued member of the Board, thereby helping to ensure the University's effectiveness, growth, and vitality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina highly commends and thanks Randy Ramsey for his effective leadership and distinguished service to the University and the citizens of North Carolina.

Unanimously adopted this 23rd day of May 2024

Wendy Murphy, *Vice Chair*

Pearl Burris-Floyd, *Secretary*