



RESOLUTION HONORING

JAMES L. HOLMES, JR.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM

WHEREAS, JAMES L. HOLMES, JR. was a valued member of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and served with exceptional commitment since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes served with distinction on all six of the Board’s standing committees: the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs in 2013, 2017-18; the Committee on Public Affairs in 2013-17, serving as its chair in 2015-16; the Committee on Personnel and Tenure in 2013-15, serving as its secretary in 2013-14; the Committee on Budget and Finance in 2015-17, 2018-19, and 2020-23, serving as its chair in 2020-23 and serving as its vice chair in 2016-17; the Committee on Audit, Risk Management, and Compliance in 2017-22, serving as its chair in 2017-20; and the Committee on University Governance in 2019-20; and

WHEREAS, he has provided effective leadership to special committees of the Board: the Committee on Military Affairs in 2015-16; the Committee on Historically Minority-Serving Institutions in 2020-23, serving as its secretary 2020-22; and

WHEREAS, this respected citizen and business leader has brought his decades of experience and business acumen addressing issues while serving on the Capital Construction Task Force and the Task Force on Pricing, Flexibility, and Affordability, and regarding the analysis of the UNC System Workforce Trends; and

WHEREAS, in all his endeavors, Mr. Holmes has been a strong advocate for fiscal discipline while supporting the need to develop and fund innovative business strategies for the UNC System’s all-funds budget and enrollment funding model; and

WHEREAS, he has consistently demonstrated his passion for making decisions that support a student-focused environment and has always taken a straightforward approach to issues before the Board and through numerous policy discussions and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes led the Board’s efforts in a comprehensive review of university athletics programs funding, including commissioning the UNC System Athletics Economic Impact Report; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors gratefully acknowledges the leadership role Mr. Holmes had with the addition and inclusion of Fayetteville State University to the UNC Promise Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes carried out his duties as a member of the Board of Governors with dignity and resolve, providing valued leadership and counsel throughout his service; and

WHEREAS, his service on the Board concluded on March 17, 2023, the Board of Governors is deeply grateful to James L. Holmes, Jr. for the time he invested and the valuable contributions he has made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina extends its deepest appreciation and gratitude to **James L. Holmes, Jr.** for his dedicated, sound leadership and loyal service to the University of North Carolina and to the State of North Carolina.

This the 25th day of May 2023.

Randall C. Ramsey
Chair, UNC Board of Governors

Pearl Burris-Floyd
Secretary, UNC Board of Governors