

## **RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING THE PTA THRIFT SHOPS**

WHEREAS, the PTA Thrift Shops were established in 1983 to resell donated clothes, furniture and other household items with the goal of raising funds to support the Chatham County School System through the Parent Teacher Associations; and

WHEREAS, the first store opened in Pittsboro, but they also operate stores in Siler City and Cole Park in northeastern Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, this year alone the PTA Thrift Shops have provided nearly \$461,992 to the schools and since their inception, they have provided more than \$6,000,000 to Chatham County Schools; and

WHEREAS, the funds contributed to the schools help buy educational materials and supplies that would otherwise have to be purchased by the teachers or through county property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the PTA Thrift Shops have a formula to distribute funds that rewards schools contributing more volunteer hours to run the stores; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, volunteers worked more than 51,754 hours to help run the stores, including sorting through mounds of donated items, arranging them for sale and emptying drop boxes; and

WHEREAS, the PTA Thrift Shops have a dedicated volunteer board with officers as well as two representatives from each school, the principal and the president of each school's PTA; and

WHEREAS, the PTA Thrift Shops also have a total of 30 employees, including the Operations Manager and two other Store managers who have helped ensure successful operations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners honors the outstanding contributions of the leadership and volunteers of the PTA Thrift Stores for their role in providing much needed financial support to the K-12 schools in Chatham County. They help strengthen the learning environment for the students and ensure that public schools have private support for their mission of preparing students for work and life.

Approved this Third Day of October of 2011 by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.