Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Honoring the Service of Noah Wilson, DDS

Whereas, Noah Wilson was born May 23, 1929 in Johnston County, grew up in Wilson's Mills, and graduated from Smithfield High School in 1947; and

Whereas, Noah Wilson graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1951, immediately joined the US Army during the Korean Conflict, left military service as a First Lieutenant in 1954; and

Whereas, Noah Wilson, shortly thereafter married Elizabeth Kendrick Faucette; and

Whereas, Noah Wilson worked with Metropolitan Life until entering the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Dental School, graduating in 1961; and

Whereas, Dr. Wilson worked with North Carolina Public Health as a "school dentist" for one year before buying his practice in Pittsboro in July 1962; and

Whereas, Dr. Wilson has practiced in the same location for nearly 48 years; and

Whereas, Dr. Wilson has always been totally devoted to the welfare of his patients, some of whom have been with him the entire time; and

Whereas, Dr. Wilson has served three generations of one family, many have moved and still return to him for their dental care, and many who travel from nearby places such as Chapel Hill and Greensboro; and

Whereas, as a child, Dr. Wilson was afraid of the dentist, which taught him compassion and understanding, allowing him to work exceptionally well with children, winning them over to the point that they actually looked forward to their visits (perhaps being the father of six and grandfather to twelve helped); and

Whereas, Dr. Wilson made house calls, sometimes to an invalid's home and more often to nursing homes; and

Whereas, during the long life of his practice, Dr. Wilson saw many changes and was diligent about keeping up with new dental techniques, technology, and materials, attending workshops and seminars on a regular basis and poring over dental journals; and

Whereas, two of his employees have been with him over thirty years and twenty-nine years, respectively; and

Whereas, when asked about his retirement, Dr. Wilson replied, "As long as I wake up every morning and look forward to seeing my patients, why should I retire?" and another suggested that if he retired he could do whatever he wanted and his reply was, "I am already doing what I want to!".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners honors this outstanding doctor and public servant and wishes him a well-deserved, happy, and fulfilling retirement.

Adopted this the 20th day of January, 2010, by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

Sally Kost, Chair

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners