

CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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A Resolution Honoring Glenn Woolard for Exemplary Service to Chatham County: 1987 to 2009

WHEREAS, Glenn Woolard has served as Chatham County's Extension Director since September 15, 1987, and has been a leader in ensuring that the number of farms has grown, not declined, and in ensuring that agriculture, especially livestock and small specialty farms, remain vital to our economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Woolard came to Chatham County as an award-winning extension agent from Warren County after achieving academic success at North Carolina State University, including a Master's Degree in Adult Education and two Bachelor of Science degrees, one in Natural Resource Management and one in Recreation and Park Administration; and

WHEREAS, during his 22 years of service, Glenn Woolard has assembled a top-notch staff and has initiated and enhanced programs and services that have been vital to Chatham County's agricultural and business community as well as countless individual residents; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Woolard has reached out to local youth by creating the 4-H Day Camps in 1989 and by working with the 4-H Forestry Advisory Committee and several other partners in 2004 to start the 4-H Forestry Wildlife Day Camp at Jordan Lake Educational State Forest; and

WHEREAS, soon after joining the county, Glenn Woolard responded to the needs of small-scale farmers to provide special support and services for organic and specialty agriculture by hiring the state's first and only Agricultural Extension Agent primarily assigned to this critical economic sector, with the result that Chatham County's program is nationally acclaimed; and

WHERAS, the creation of the Voluntary Agricultural District Program and the recent development of a Farmland Preservation Plan will help sustain agriculture as a core growth industry in Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Woolard initiated three funds to support Extension Programs for future generations; and

WHEREAS, extension workshops generate high ratings for effectiveness and documented positive results, while extension staff continue to receive high marks for overall customer service; and

WHEREAS, extension staff attribute this success to Glenn Woolard's trust in and support of his staff's skills and judgment; his ability to get them the resources they need; his consistent recognition of their accomplishments above his own; and his willingness to work long hours to get the job done.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners honors Glenn Woolard's exemplary service to Chatham County's farms, businesses, communities and individual residents through 22 years of dedicated leadership of the Chatham County Center of Cooperative Extension Service.

Adopted this 1st day of June, 2009.

George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board Chatham County Board of Commissioners