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## A RESOLUTION HONORING 2008 OLYMPIC MEDALIST SHALANE FLANAGAN

**WHEREAS**, one of Chatham County's most respected residents, Shalane Flanagan, has made major sacrifices and surmounted various obstacles to become one of the world's fastest female runners in distance track-and-field competitions; and

**WHEREAS**, Shalane Flanagan was a widely acclaimed collegiate track-and-field runner at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she graduated in 2004 and was a ten-time NCAA All-American and two-time NCAA cross country champion; and

**WHEREAS**, Shalane Flanagan first made the United States Olympic team in 2004, but was sidelined in 2005 to recover from a foot injury that severely restricted her training; and

**WHEREAS**, Shalane Flanagan was determined to not only recover from this injury, but to do whatever it took to improve her performance and make the 2008 Olympics team; and

**WHEREAS**, Shalane Flanagan often could be found running along the shady trails and paths in Chatham County as well as other training sites around the United States as she overcame her injury and returned to top running form; and

**WHEREAS**, by 2007, Shalane Flanagan was one of the most respected and accomplished runners in the United States and the world, including breaking American records in the 5,000 and 3,000 meters and finishing first in several finals; and

**WHEREAS**, Shalane Flanagan qualified for the 2008 Olympics in the United States Trials by finishing first in the 10,000-meter finals and third in the 5,000-meter finals; and

**WHEREAS**, Shalane Flanagan made it to the finals of both the 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter competitions at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, with Chatham County residents cheering her on every step of the way.

**WHEREAS**, Shalane Flanagan left her indelible mark in history by winning the Olympic bronze medal for her brilliant run in the 10,000-meter finals on August 15, 2008, becoming the first American medalist in that event since 1992 and serving as only the second American since 1984 to win any Olympic medal in a race longer than 800 meters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners that we express our heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to Shalane Flanagan on behalf of all county residents. We celebrate her amazing accomplishments as an Olympic medalist and also the inspiration she provides for many others who must surmount overwhelming obstacles to achieve their dreams. We wish Shalane Flanagan continued success in sports and in life. We hope that she will continue to make Chatham County her home.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September.

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board  
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George Lucier, Chairman