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RESOLUTION
 OF APPRECIATION TO JOE WESLEY BURKE
 FOR SERVICE TO CHATHAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, in the autumn of 1963, Mr. Joe Wesley Burke began a dedicated and unselfish career in public education in the schools of Chatham County as a seventh (7th) grade teacher at Pittsboro School; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, he became a teacher of social studies at Pittsboro High School and later at Northwood High School, serving for eight (8) years as an excellent teacher, an exceptional role model, and wise mentor for more than a thousand students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burke served as principal of Northwood High School from 1975 through 1979, providing exemplary leadership for both faculty and students; and

WHEREAS, from 1979, Joe W. Burke served the Pittsboro Elementary School as its principal until his retirement in 1992 for a total of thirteen (13) years of superior service to the children of Eastern Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burke came out of retirement to serve during the 2001-2002 school year as interim principal at North Chatham Elementary School, providing essential and meritorious leadership for a school whose principal was ill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burke served for a portion of the 2001-2002 school year at North Chatham School without compensation; and

WHEREAS, Joe W. Burke has taught numerous classes for adults through Central Carolina Community College and lectured at retirement centers for more than ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Chatham County are indebted to Mr. Burke for his tremendous and tireless commitment to all facets of community service, including military service, churches, adult education, and civic life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County that in recognition of the many contributions Joe Wesley Burke has made to the educational system of the county and to its civic community, we do hereby honor, commend, and offer our appreciation to Mr. Burke for his many career achievements and long tenure of service to this county;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to Joe Wesley Burke together with our most sincere wishes for a happy and productive second retirement.

Adopted this the 15th day of July, 2002
 Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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 Gary Phillips, Chair

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