Resolution 2016-13. On Appreciation for Joseph S. Ferrell’s Service as Secretary of the Faculty, 1996-2016

We the Faculty Council approve the following resolution in honor of Joseph S. Ferrell on the occasion of his retirement as Secretary of the Faculty,

Whereas this is one of the rare resolutions not drafted by Joe Ferrell in his two decades of service to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as Secretary to the Faculty,

Whereas he has been a faithful servant and embodied the spirit and values of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill since he arrived on campus in 1956,

Whereas he has brought great credit to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, from which he received his BA in 1960, to the UNC School of Law, from which he earned his law degree in 1963, and to the Yale Law School, from which he earned his Master in Law,

Whereas he served with distinction for many years as a professor in the UNC School of Government, most recently as the Research Professor of Public Law and Albert Coates Professor of Public Law Emeritus,

Whereas he has served with distinction as Secretary of the Faculty since 1996, the longest serving secretary of the faculty in the history of this University,

Whereas he has been a proud and deserving member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Order of the Coif, and the Order of the Golden Fleece, and an equally proud and deserving recipient of the C. Knox Massey Award, the Thomas Jefferson Award, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners’ Distinguished Service Award, and the General Alumni Association’s Faculty Service Award,

Whereas he has been a trusted advisor and mentor to faculty, students, and leaders on this campus for more than 50 years,

Whereas no single sentence can adequately capture or summarize the countless committees on which he has served as an invaluable member,

Whereas he will always be welcome on this campus,

We the Faculty hereby resolve always to honor his inestimable service and always to ensure that the doors of our great University will be open to him and that, for Joe Ferrell, the lights of Carolina will always remain on.