

**Resolution
Expressing Gratitude to the**

***2015 Session of
The North Carolina General Assembly***

**For Its Support of the
North Carolina Community College System**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly recognized the need for community colleges to be in year-round production in order to accelerate the talent pipeline to businesses and completion for our students, and responded by providing year-round funding for all curriculum courses; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly recognized the need to close the salary gap in order for community colleges to recruit and retain qualified faculty and staff, and responded by providing funding to address critical salary needs; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly recognized the need to close the technology gap in order to train students for 21st century jobs and responded by providing funding for instructional equipment and technology; and,

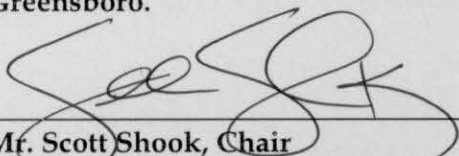
WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly recognized the need to close the interest gap in technical careers among young people and responded by providing funding to begin to place community college career coaches in high schools to ensure students are aware of the opportunities afforded them by community colleges ; and,

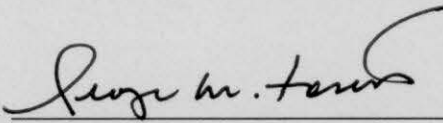
WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly recognized the campuses of the North Carolina Community College System must repair, renovate, and modernize facilities in order to educate and train a world-class workforce to meet the needs of an ever-changing economy and responded by authorizing a bond referendum containing \$350 million for community colleges to begin to address critical capital needs; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has expressed and demonstrated its belief in the importance of the community colleges to the State of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board of Community Colleges expresses its esteem and gratitude to the North Carolina General Assembly for its strong commitment to the mission and significance of the North Carolina Community College System, on this 30th Day of October, 2015, in the City of Greensboro.


Mr. Scott Shook, Chair
State Board of Community Colleges


George M. Fouts, Interim President
North Carolina Community College System