

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution

HONORING

DR. JAMES FORD

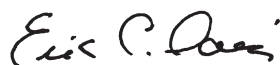
*For Outstanding Service to the
North Carolina State Board of Education*

October 2018 – September 2023

- WHEREAS,** the North Carolina State Board of Education takes pride in the extraordinary qualities and dedication of the citizens who have served as members of the North Carolina State Board of Education; and
- WHEREAS,** *Dr. James Ford* has reflected those qualities during his service with the State Board of Education as the 6th Education District Representative, an At-Large Representative and as the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, where he offered his knowledge and expertise as a World History teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District; and
- WHEREAS,** *Dr. Ford* was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper in 2018 to the North Carolina State Board of Education. Prior to this appointment, *Dr. Ford* was named the 2014-2015 North Carolina Teacher of the Year and served as an Advisor to the North Carolina State Board of Education for two years. While in this position, he was made chair of the Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee and continued to advocate for the teaching profession across the state and nationally; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board thanks *Dr. Ford* for his belief that education is a human right as evidenced by recognitions as Charlotte Magazine's 2014 Charlottean of the Year, the 2014 National Alliance of Black School Educators' Teacher of the Year and as a Carnegie Fellow; and
- WHEREAS,** Board members pay tribute to *Dr. Ford's* personal commitment to the children of North Carolina and recognize his dedication to equity, representation, inclusion and diversity as a self-professed equity warrior; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board praises *Dr. Ford*, who is a proud graduate of Illinois State University with a degree in Mass Communication, Rockford University with a Master's Degree in Education and UNC-Charlotte with a Doctorate in Urban Education, for his efforts to focus on the benefits of public education and educational opportunities and access for all North Carolina students; and
- WHEREAS,** State Board of Education members acknowledge the candor that he exhibited while sharing his informed opinions, ideas, and conversations as he proved to be an insightful Board member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

- RESOLVED,** that the members of the North Carolina State Board of Education commend *Dr. Ford* for his service in performing his duties on the North Carolina State Board of Education as a caring member; and
- RESOLVED,** that the Board recognizes and appreciates his quality work for almost five years in championing policies and programs in the best interest of North Carolina students and educators; for his sincere approach in working with the State Board of Education Members and Advisors and staff of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction; and
- RESOLVED,** that the Board wishes *Dr. Ford* and his family much happiness and success in the future; and
- RESOLVED,** that Board members express great gratitude to *Dr. Ford* for his public service as a strong and focused leader in public education and a person of strong conviction and directs the Secretary to the State Board of Education to enter a copy of this resolution into the official minutes of the North Carolina State Board of Education.



Eric C. Davis, Chairman
North Carolina State Board of Education



Catherine Truitt, Superintendent
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

September 7, 2023