<u>RESOLUTION</u>

WHEREAS, Mark Foster served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System from April 2007 until July 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster always was interested in advancing the retirement program for teachers and State employees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster made invaluable contributions to the work of the Board through his service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster's service proved to be of the highest value in the enactment of many improvements through the years to the programs of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster rendered outstanding leadership in preserving and promoting the Retirement Systems with maximum benefits consistent with sound funding for the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System is composed of distinguished citizens serving as Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees hereby express their deep appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Mark Foster for his leadership and public service in securing the advancement of the Retirement Systems.

Section 2. The Chairman and Secretary of the Boards of Trustees are hereby directed to prepare and deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to Mr. Foster.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be spread upon the Minutes of the Board of Trustees for the meeting held on Thursday, October 17, 2013, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Chair, Janet Cowell

Secretary, Steve Toole

October 17, 2013

Mr. Mark Foster 3332 Alleghany Drive Raleigh, North Carolina 27609

Dear Mr. Foster:

At the quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System on October 17, 2013, the Board adopted the enclosed Resolution expressing appreciation and gratitude for your service on the Board.

The staff also appreciates your contributions to the Retirement System during your tenure on the Board. Please feel free to call on us if we may be of assistance to you at any time.

Sincerely,

Steve Toole Director

Enclosure