

## **Congratulatory Statements:**

### **Statement by President George W. Bush on Margaret Spellings**

DALLAS, TEXAS -- "Laura and I congratulate our dear friend Margaret Spellings on her unanimous election as President of the University of North Carolina System. Margaret is a strong leader, a role model, and a tireless champion for America's students. She has been among my most trusted confidants for nearly 20 years, including as my chief domestic policy advisor at the White House and as our Nation's eighth Secretary of Education. She has done a spectacular job here in Dallas as President of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, and our loss is the UNC System's gain. Laura and I, along with everyone at the Bush Center, are deeply grateful for her energy, smarts, and good humor. We will miss her and we wish her the very best when she heads to Chapel Hill next March."

### **Governor McCrory Welcomes New UNC System President**

Oct 23, 2015  
Raleigh, N.C.

Governor Pat McCrory issued the following statement after the announcement that Margaret Spellings was unanimously elected President of the University of North Carolina System by the Board of Governors.

"As governor I welcome Margaret Spellings to North Carolina and look forward to a great working relationship to further connect our students to unlimited educational and career opportunities so they can each fulfill their potential in our great state."

### **North Carolina General Assembly Rep. Tim Moore, Speaker of the House Sen. Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore**

#### **Berger, Moore Statement on Election of UNC System President**

Raleigh, N.C. – Senate Leader Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) and House Speaker Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) issued the following joint statement Friday:

"We congratulate Margaret Spellings on her election as president of the University of North Carolina system, welcome her to our great state and look forward to meeting her. She has been a leader in public education at the highest level, and we trust she shares our passion for making our university system the best in the nation."

### **Statement by ACE President Molly Corbett Broad on the Election of Margaret Spellings as University of North Carolina President**

*October 23, 2015*

"Margaret Spellings is an experienced leader who helped set a national higher education agenda around affordability and accountability, issues that continue to drive much of the postsecondary policy discussion in Washington today."

She now brings that experience to the University of North Carolina, where she will be able to make new contributions to the dialogue around these and other important matters facing colleges and universities.

We welcome her voice as part of the higher education community.”

*Molly Corbett Broad is President Emeritus of the UNC System.*