

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CONGRESSMAN J. HOWARD COBLE FOR HIS
OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE STATE OF NORTH
CAROLINA AND THE CITY OF GREENSBORO

WHEREAS, John Howard Coble was born in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1931; and was educated in Guilford County public schools;

WHEREAS, Coble attended Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina prior to transferring to Guilford College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1958; and he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill in 1962;

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Coast Guard on active duty for five and a half years; and was a member of the Coast Guard Reserve for more than two decades;

WHEREAS, Coble worked in the Claims Department of the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company from 1961 to 1967; served as Assistant County Attorney for Guilford County in 1967; won a seat in the N.C. House of Representatives in 1968; was appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina in 1969; and in 1973, he was appointed Secretary of Revenue for North Carolina;

WHEREAS, Coble practiced law with the Greensboro firm of Turner, Enochs and Sparrow from 1979 to 1983 before serving three additional complete terms in the N. C. House from 1979 to 1984;

WHEREAS, being first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1984, Coble has been reelected fifteen consecutive terms; and has returned unspent funds allocated to operate his congressional office each year;

WHEREAS, Coble was the first Chairman of the newly-formed Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation when Republicans gained control of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1995; after one term, he was named Chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee that had jurisdiction over the nation's copyright, patent and trademark laws and guided passage of landmark legislation for six years there; has been a senior member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure since 1995; and is once again Chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet;

WHEREAS, the Congressman is a lifetime member of Alamance Presbyterian Church, a member of the American Legion; the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Lions Club; the Greensboro Bar Association; the North Carolina Bar Association; the North Carolina State Bar; the Guilford College Board of Visitors; and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors;

WHEREAS, Coble is a Mason in the Greensboro Scottish Rite as well as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service by Congressman Coble to the State of North Carolina and the City of Greensboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That it hereby recognizes Congressman J. Howard Coble for his outstanding dedication and commitment to the State of North Carolina and the City of Greensboro.