

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GEORGE A. WEISS IN CONNECTION WITH SAY YES
TO EDUCATION IN GUILFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, George A. Weiss is the CEO of Weiss Multi-Strategy Advisers LLC, formerly George Weiss Associates Inc., a multi-strategy hedge fund founded in 1978;

WHEREAS, Weiss earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance in 1965; received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Syracuse University; his educational philanthropy has been honored with the Cleveland E. Dodge Medal for Distinguished Service, and he is a life regent of the University of Hartford;

WHEREAS, in 2014 Weiss was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, he is the founder of the Orphan Disease Pathway Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to finding cures and effective treatments for rare diseases;

WHEREAS, Weiss is a Trustee at Penn Medicine, a member of the Penn Medicine Executive Committee, is the former Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, past Chair of the Development Committee, and former Chair of the Making History Campaign for the University of Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Weiss is the founder and Chairman of Say Yes to Education, a non-profit organization committed to opening access to post-secondary education for high poverty youth, beginning in 1987 with 112 students to nearly 140,000 students today;

WHEREAS, through fundraising, Say Yes and its local partners make it possible for a community's public high school graduates to receive full tuition scholarships to any in-state public college and university regardless of family income; said awards being granted after Pell grants and other financial aid have been taken into account;

WHEREAS, in September of 2015, Guilford County was announced as the next Say Yes to Education Community, representing the third Say Yes community nationally; to provide free tuition to Guilford County School graduates to in-state public colleges or universities;

WHEREAS, more than forty individuals, couples, foundations and businesses have raised \$32.5 million to contribute to the Say Yes scholarship fund for Guilford County Schools which hopes to raise a total of \$70 million.

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

That it hereby recognizes George A. Weiss for his outstanding contributions and service to Guilford County and Say Yes to Education communities.