



Legislation Text

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Title:

Order of the Hornet Induction of Dr. Pamela Davies (Commissioner Harden)

Summary

ACTION:

Induct Dr. Pamela Davies into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet

Commission Contact: Commissioner Susan B. Harden and Co-sponsors Chair Dunlap and Commissioner Fuller

Presentation: Yes

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The Order of the Hornet was established in 1972. It is bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners on persons who have displayed valor or high order of service uniquely and specifically to the citizens of Mecklenburg County. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Board. The Order of the Hornet was founded in the spirit of the early Mecklenburg patriots who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775, and proclaimed the County's freedom from Britain more than a year before the U.S. Declaration of Independence was signed. Those early patriots valiantly fought for their independence during the Revolution and gave Lord Cornwallis such difficulties during his occupation of Charlotte that he termed the town a "hornet's nest" of rebellion. Because Dr. Pamela Davies reflects the honor, strength, and fierce American patriotism that so stung Lord Cornwallis, she is being recommended for membership in the Order of the Hornet.

Dr. Pamela Davies has been President of Queens University of Charlotte since July 2002. As the 20th president of the institution, she has been highly committed to providing innovative and high-quality education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. During her tenure, the university has doubled undergraduate enrollment, significantly expanded academic programming, and invested more than \$150M in new campus infrastructure. The Queens endowment has grown from \$30M to more than \$160M under her leadership.

Committed to service, Dr. Davies is involved in community organizations locally, nationally, and globally. On the local level she is a Trustee of the Charlotte YMCA, Chair-elect for the YMCA-USA and has served on the Executive Committee of the World Alliance of YMCAs. She is a member of the Board of Advisors for Atrium Health, the Charlotte Executive Leadership Council, and the North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors.

Through her service to a diverse set of community organizations, Dr. Davies has developed a strong understanding of education, healthcare, health and human services, and faith-based initiatives.

Dr. Davies was named Charlotte Woman of the Year in 2018 and Most Admired CEO in Education in 2019. She has received numerous awards over the years including the *Charlotte Business Journal's* Lifetime Achievement award, both the John R. Mott Award and the Servant Leader Award from the YMCA of Greater Charlotte, The Excellence in Leadership Award given by the Charlotte Rotary, the Creative Thinker Award from the Counselors of Real Estate, and the Signor Thompson Community Leader Award from Mecklenburg Ministries.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A