



THE UNIVERSITY
of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL

Resolution to Remove the Naval Armory from the Proposed Demolition List

WHEREAS, the Naval Armory at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is an important part of the history of our University and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the fifth and final pre-flight base was established at the University of the North Carolina during World War II, and it was referred to as the “Gem of Pre-Flight”; and

WHEREAS, the first African-Americans to be commissioned by the United States Navy were members of the B-1 Band; and

WHEREAS, the B-1 Band was stationed at the pre-flight school at the University of North Carolina, and the B-1 Band played a significant role in the integration of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, many significant historical figures attended the pre-flight school at the University of North Carolina including, but not limited to, future Presidents of the United States of America, George H. W. Bush and Gerald Ford; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has meaningfully supported and continues to meaningfully support the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was honored to support and is honored to continue to support the United States Navy and expresses its gratitude for all that the United States Navy has done and continues to do for our University; and

WHEREAS, the University’s 2019 Master Plan proposed demolition of the Naval Armory (ROTC) also known as Building 31 (the “Naval Armory”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill hereby amends its 2019 Master Plan to remove the Naval Armory from the Proposed Demolition List; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill honors all those who have served the United States of America through the Naval Armory, the United States Navy’s pre-flight school, and the United States Navy’s ROTC program.

Adopted by the University of North Carolina Board of Trustees Strategic Initiatives Committee by voice vote on May 17, 2023.