

## **Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr.**

Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. has been involved in public service throughout his career as a lawyer dedicated to his clientele, a state representative, Governor from 1973 to 1977, and by service in numerous public and private sector boards, such as the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. During his tenure as Governor, North Carolina saw a number of economic development “firsts”, to include the first North Carolina overseas recruitment office in Germany and the first time this state had total new investment to surpass one billion dollars. He has guided and participated in policy matters related to economic development initiatives from local to the state level.



His political career began with four terms in the General Assembly, where he was vice chairman of the House Judiciary and Rules committees. He served on the Study Commission on Reorganization of State Government and the Legislative Commission on Student Financial Aid. As governor, he served on the Executive Committee of the National Governors Conference, as chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board and the Southern Growth Policies Board, and as co-chairman of the Coastal Plains Regional Commission. He has served on the Committee on Court Study and as Chairman of the Sight and Life Committee, both for the North Carolina Bar Association.

Governor Holshouser is also active in North Carolina higher education. He is a member emeritus of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, where he chaired the personnel and budget committees. He also headed the search committee that recommended UNC President Molly Broad. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of Davidson College and the Board of Advisors of Lees McRae College. He served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Andrews Presbyterian College and co-chaired its capital campaign. In addition, he was a member of the Southern Regional Literacy Commission and the Governor’s Commission on Literacy.

Health care is another of the governor’s primary interests. He has served on the board of the United Network for Organ Sharing, and he is honorary chairman of the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina. He is the vice chairman of the North Carolina Foundation for Advanced Programs, Inc.