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Economic Development Board Chairman Passes Away

Monroe, NC (April 11, 2014) – Clark Goodwin, Monroe-Union County Economic Development Board chairman, passed away on Thursday, April 10. Goodwin served on the Monroe board before the City of Monroe and Union County created a county-wide economic development program in 2012.

“Clark Goodwin was a man with so many gifts, but his unbridled passion for Union County and the well-being of the people that lived within it was unmatched,” said Monroe-Union County Economic Development Director Chris Plate. “He was the first and only chairman of the Monroe Economic Development Commission, and due to his leadership and tenacity, the community has a county-wide economic development effort that speaks with one voice.”

Goodwin was born in Union County and graduated from Monroe High School. He attended Wingate University when it was a junior college and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Along with his service on the Monroe-Union County Economic Development Board, Goodwin served on the Wingate University Board of Trustees for 46 years and was a trustee emeritus. He was a founding member of the Jesse Helms Center board. Just this past December, he was honored as Union County Man of the Year for 2013.

He is survived by his wife Cynthia, four children and four grandchildren.

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