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In Honor of S. Ellis Hankins Executive Director, North Carolina League of Municipalities



After 30 years of service to North Carolina's municipal governments, Ellis Hankins will retire as executive director of the North Carolina League of Municipalities (the League) in January 2014. As only the fifth full-time executive director of the League in the 105-year history of the membership association, Ellis has made an indelible mark on municipal government in North Carolina. He has worked to promote good government and the value of public service in North Carolina through the League's non-partisan advocacy on behalf of the state's cities and towns.

The S. Ellis Hankins Municipal Administration Scholarship Committee and the North Carolina League of Municipalities ask you to join us in honoring Ellis's remarkable service to North Carolina with a scholarship in his name. The S. Ellis Hankins Municipal

Administration Scholarship will support municipal participants in the School of Government's Municipal and County Administration course, increasing access for municipalities that may not have the financial ability to send a participant to this important and comprehensive course.

Ellis was born and raised in North Carolina, attended UNC-Wilmington, and earned BA, Master of Regional Planning, and JD degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill. He has worked in private law practice, but he began his career at the League in October 1982 as assistant general counsel. Several years later, he was promoted to the role of general counsel and chief legislative lobbyist, a position he held from 1987 until 1994. He has represented municipalities before the NC General Assembly and congressional committees, and in state and federal trial and appellate courts countless times. Ellis was appointed executive director of the League in 1997 and has served North Carolina's cities and towns in that capacity since that time.

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