

**RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL W. SCOTT, PRESIDENT
CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor of the City of Chicago Richard M. Daley appointed Michael W. Scott to serve as President of the Chicago Board of Education on June 27, 2001; and

WHEREAS, in June 2001, Michael W. Scott was elected to the position of President of the Chicago Board of Education by his fellow Board Members; and

WHEREAS, after five years of distinguished service, Michael W. Scott has resigned as President of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Chicago Board of Education achieved several significant and noteworthy accomplishments including the highest test score gains for elementary school students since Mayor Daley received control of the Chicago Public Schools in 1995, with over 60 percent of the students meeting or achieving state standards in reading, mathematics and science on the 2006 *Illinois Standards Achievement Test*; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, President Scott personally shepherded several policy initiatives to make the Chicago Public Schools a better school system including creating the *Transportation Task Force*, which resulted in \$14 million in savings for the system in the area of student transportation; and developing the *Office of Business Diversity*, which provides women- and minority-owned businesses a greater opportunity to conduct business with Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, President Scott's accomplishments include the *Back-to-School Campaign*, which resulted in record high first-day attendance for the school system; the *Ballroom Dance Initiative*, which provided hundreds of elementary school students more exposure to dance, music, character education and other cultures; and the *Chicago Board of Education College Textbook Scholarship*, which over the past four years has awarded over 300 scholarships to graduating seniors; and

WHEREAS, President Scott conceptualized and implemented the *Power of Parents Initiative*, where thousands of parents have received information and participated in workshops on how to help their children educationally leading to higher student achievement and which was recognized by the *National School Boards Association* with the *2005 Magna Award*; and

WHEREAS, President Scott is well-known and liked by the public and in the community for his sincere compassion and personal interest in helping all people achieve a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, under President Scott's tenure the fiscal, operational and educational aspects of the Chicago Public Schools have not only maintained their stability but have reached higher levels of efficiency and success; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Scott served faithfully on the Board without compensation, devoting many hours of his time to Chicago Public Schools and to the children and families of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, during his years of leadership, the Chicago Public Schools has received national recognition and continues to excel as a model for education reform in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 26th day of July 2006, do hereby extend to Michael W. Scott our deepest gratitude for his many contributions and for his generous public service to education and the welfare for the children of Chicago and offer him our best wishes in his future endeavors.