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**RESOLUTION HONORING HOSANNA MAHALEY JOHNSON,
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OFFICE OF NEW SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, after six years of distinguished service with Chicago Public Schools ("CPS"), Hosanna Mahaley Johnson has accepted a position in Atlanta, Georgia, where she will serve as President of a local education foundation whose focus will be on increasing civic involvement, establishing independent monitoring and reporting of district performance, and managing investments and programs to support district goals; and

WHEREAS, Hosanna Mahaley Johnson received a Bachelor of Science Degree in History from Marquette University, and K-12 Teaching Credentials from California State University, and a Master of Education in Leadership and Administration from the University of Illinois, and an Executive Masters in Business Administration from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Hosanna Mahaley Johnson began her public service career in Chicago in 1999 as a summer intern for the City of Chicago in the Mayor's Executive Office, and after a short amount of time was the first teacher to serve as Education Advisor to the Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago where she helped establish After School Matters and spread Mayor Daley's Book Club to all high schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago appointed Hosanna Mahaley Johnson to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff of the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") where she executed a "Back-To-School" campaign resulting in record first day attendance for CPS and coordinated "Principal for a Day" to promote civic interest in CPS by placing 1,400 city executives, business people and celebrities in 600 Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Hosanna Mahaley Johnson was promoted to Chief of Staff to the Chief Education Officer and established the "Renaissance 2010 Initiative", Chicago's bold initiative to replace underperforming schools with high quality options, and launched a website to enhance communication to over 600 principals; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Hosanna Mahaley Johnson was named Chief of Staff to the Chief Executive Officer, where she initiated and executed policy changes to improve student achievement, led major restructuring efforts which led to over \$10 million in annual savings, created and launched the DRIVE Award, a district-wide teacher recognition program, spearheaded the creation of new departments and supported and advised an executive level cross-functional team to execute the district's long-term strategy; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Hosanna Mahaley Johnson, while still functioning as Chief of Staff to the Chief Executive Officer, assumed the simultaneous role of Executive Officer of New Schools; and

WHEREAS, Hosanna Mahaley Johnson was responsible for launching the CPS Summer Fellows Program, CPS Teacher Housing Initiative, expansion of the National Board Certification Program, and CPS Annual Holiday Party; and

WHEREAS, Hosanna Mahaley Johnson is known for her judgment, relationship-building and sincere compassion and commitment to students and has received numerous awards including the Kathy Osterman Award for Superior Public Service, Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Alumnae of the Decade for her commitment to excellence, and most recently named as one of Crain's Business Magazine's "40 Under 40".

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 28th day of February, 2007, do hereby extend to Hosanna Mahaley Johnson our thanks for her service and offer our most sincere gratitude for her contribution to the school system and the children of the City of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Mrs. Hosanna Mahaley Johnson.