

**RESOLUTION HONORING CYNTHIA GREENLEAF, DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIPS**

WHEREAS, after seven years of faithful and dedicated service, Cynthia Greenleaf will resign from the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS"); and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Greenleaf received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Smith College, a Master of Education from Harvard University and a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University; and

WHEREAS, as Director of External Resource and Partnerships, Cynthia Greenleaf managed the Principal For A Day Program, an annual initiative to provide leaders from all sectors of business and government with a first hand experience in a Chicago public schools. Under her leadership, the Principal for A Day program has served as a primary vehicle for launching long term partnerships and has grown from 677 participants in 1998 to over 1600 in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Building on the success of the Principal For A Day, Cynthia Greenleaf oversaw the Teacher For A Day pilot program, providing business and community members a deeper appreciation of the work of Chicago Public Schools' teachers; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Greenleaf led successful efforts to launch the CPSalumni.org website, making use of modern technology to reach out to Chicago Public Schools' over three million alumni; and

WHEREAS, as Director of External Resource and Partnerships, Cynthia Greenleaf also developed or managed such initiatives as the Free Things page and program, the Future Exchanges Program, CPS Family Tree project, and individual donations garnering resources and or support needed to strengthen and expand educational opportunities of Chicago's students; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Greenleaf is known for her advocacy, innovation and dedication to education and the district; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Greenleaf's commitment and tireless efforts to improve the Chicago Public Schools will leave a lasting impact throughout our schools and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 27th day of August, 2008, do hereby extend to Cynthia Greenleaf our thanks for her service and offer our most sincere gratitude for her contributions 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 Cynthia Greenleaf.