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**RESOLUTION HONORING ASCENCION V. JUAREZ
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Ascencion V. Juarez will retire July 1, 2009 after 38 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Ascencion V. Juarez received a degree of Bachelor of Science in Education and Masters Degree in Education from Northern Illinois University; and a Masters Degree in Administration and Supervision from Roosevelt University; and,

WHEREAS, Ascencion V. Juarez began his career with the Chicago Public Schools in 1971 and has served its students, administrators and teachers in the following roles:

- as a teacher at Sherman Elementary School from 1971 to 1982;
- as a Math Specialist and later a Math Curriculum Writer from 1982 to 1986;
- as a Coordinator for Salary Administration from 1986 to 1989;
- as the founding principal of Irma C. Ruiz Elementary School from 1989 to 1993;
- as Director of Salary Administration and Staffing from 1993 to 2002;
- as Chief Human Resources Officer from 2002 to the present; and,

WHEREAS, as Principal of Irma C. Ruiz Elementary School, Ascencion V. Juarez fostered an working environment that supported employee professional growth and, as a result, the staff he hired during his tenure now includes five successful principals, six successful assistant principals, two Golden Apple Award winners, four Teachers of Distinction named by the Golden Apple Foundation; and, five former educational paraprofessionals who became certified teachers; and

WHEREAS, Ascencion V. Juarez was named Chief Human Resources Officer in 2002 and during his tenure, the Department, among other achievements, reduced the number of teacher vacancies to 1.2% and, through improved recruitment efforts, made the Chicago Public Schools an employer of choice for education graduates from top tier universities; and,

WHEREAS, Ascencion V. Juarez's commitment and tireless efforts to improve the Chicago Public Schools will leave a lasting impact on Chicago Public Schools, their administrators, teachers and students; and,

WHEREAS, Ascencion V. Juarez is recognized as an educational leader, as an advocate for administrators, teachers and public school students, and as a friend and mentor to many throughout the Chicago Public Schools system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 24th day of June, 2009, do hereby extend to Ascencion V. Juarez our thanks and appreciation for his services and offer this resolution as an expression of our most sincere admiration and gratitude for his contributions to the Chicago Public Schools and the success of its students. May he enjoy a most deserved retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution shall be made available to Ascencion V. Juarez.