

01-0523-RS4

**RESOLUTION RE: THE 2000-2001 WHITNEY M. YOUNG MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team advanced to the national competition in Anchorage, Alaska, by winning Round 3 of the Illinois Academic Decathlon state championship for the 16th consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team won first place in the Chicago Public Schools Academic Decathlon cluster and city championship competitions; and

WHEREAS, fifty-five Chicago Public High Schools competed in Round 1: the CPSAD cluster competition at Chicago Vocational Career Academy, and thirty-three schools competed in Round 2; the CPSAD city championship/Illinois Academic Decathlon region competition at Lane Technical High School; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Decathlon competition requires team competition in which students match their intellect with that of students from other schools in ten academic areas: art, economics, essay, interview, language and literature, mathematics, science, social science, speech and the Super Quiz; and

WHEREAS, each Academic Decathlon Team is composed of nine members: three Honor students – Megan Wachspress, Marianne Tarcov, Olivia Tarcov; three Scholastic students – John Gonzalez, Jeremy Aguila, Cynthia Wong; and three Varsity students – Scott Meyers, Kenneth Morris, Rensise Buenviaje; and

WHEREAS, each decathlete had to draw inferences, make predictions, evaluate hypotheses, identify cause and effect, make generalizations, think analytically and creatively; and

WHEREAS, the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team members comported themselves with dignity, grace and aplomb in each round;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago; gathered here this 23rd day of May, 2001, congratulate the Academic Decathlon team members; their coaches, Brian Tennison and Susanne McCannon; their tutor-teachers; and the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School administration for the team's successes in the 2001 United States Academic Decathlon competition, and for once again bringing distinction to our school system and to our city. Congratulations are also extended to the parents of these students for their supportive role in the team's accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this resolution be forwarded to all team members, coaches and to the principal, Mrs. Joyce Kenner, of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School.