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**RESOLUTION RE:
THE 2000-2001 NATIONAL SCHOLARS**

WHEREAS, national scholars receive scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation or the College Board; and

WHEREAS, 16,000 national scholarship semifinalists were chosen from an initial Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT), which served as an initial screening of the more than 1.2 million program entrants from more than 20,000 high schools nationwide; and

WHEREAS, less than 5,000 students were selected as national scholar finalists; and

WHEREAS, finalists had to present an outstanding academic record; be endorsed and recommended by the school principal; have PSAT/NMSQT test scores confirmed on a second test; and provide an essay describing activities, interests and goals; and

WHEREAS, 5 Chicago Public Schools students were awarded national scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Amy Heyhoe-Griffiths of Kenwood; Nikolaus Barge and David Mayares of Lane Tech C.P.; Lauryn Bell, Courtney Charity, Jerome Gronli, Rachel Hohner, Ryan Jarta, Lennie Jones, Aisha Mock, Daniel Salier-Hellendag, Nicola Wells, and Eric Zuniga of Lincoln Park; Nicole Joseph of Morgan Park; and Frederick Anguiano, Jessica Barrientos, Khalilah Bey, Oriana Fowler, Jeremy Fox, Maria Guevara, Nina Gutierrez, Aleyne Isom, Jalaine Johnson, Ryan Neris, Sanjay Shah, and Albert Strickland of Whitney Young Magnet High School, all fulfilled the prerequisites for the receipt of a national scholarship; and

WHEREAS, these students reflect the balance and diversity of good students in the Chicago Public Schools in academics, athletics, community service and school spirit; and

WHEREAS, these students will take to colleges and universities all over the country the knowledge and skills that they have learned from attending Chicago public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 23rd day of May, 2001, congratulate these national scholars for their accomplishments 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 students' accomplishments.