RESOLUTION RE: SHERYE GARMONY-MILLER RETIRED REGION SIX EDUCATION OFFICER

WHEREAS, Sherye Garmony-Miller has exhibited the highest level of educational leadership and professionalism for more than 35 years; and

WHEREAS, she has served the students of the Chicago Public Schools as a teacher, teacher-consultant, program administrator, principal, and region education officer; and

WHEREAS, as the Region Six Education Officer, Sherye Garmony-Miller was responsible for providing leadership, management, and supervision to more than 65,000 students in 107 elementary and high schools; and

WHEREAS, her administrative skills, professional knowledge and savvy, and pedagogical skills often caused her to be called upon to undertake special assignments, such as: mentor principal, chairmanship of the Advisory Board of CANAL Principal, member of the Superintendent's Task Force on Overcrowded Schools, commissioner of the Academic Olympics Oratory competition, co-convener of the Annual Desegregation Review Panel of the Chicago Public Schools, representative on the ISBE Teacher Evaluation Revision Committee, member of the Board Union Committee to develop roles and responsibilities of the PPAC; and

WHEREAS, Sherye Garmony-Miller has served as an adjunct professor at De Paul University and as a consultant to the Rockford Public Schools and to the University of Illinois Principal's Center; and

WHEREAS, her expertise and professionalism in preparing educators to improve instruction and curriculum has been widely recognized by her colleagues and the community, so much so that she has received: the Citizens Schools Outstanding Principal Award, Chicago Public Schools Principal of Excellence, Academic Flag Award, induction into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, nomination to "Who's Who in America," three nominations for the Whitman Award, election as president of Auxiliary IV of the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association, election to the chairmanship of the Local School Administrators Commission of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, and an appointment to the executive board of the Chicago Alliance of Black School Educators; and

WHEREAS, Sherye Garmony-Miller has based her professional life as an educator and administrator on her belief that "every child can learn" and that "children must come first," and has based her governance of Region Six on her belief that the region office is there to support the needs of the children and their schools and to serve as an "extended family" member.

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 June 2001, do hereby extend to Sherye Garmony-Miller our heartfelt congratulations upon her retirement, and offer her our sincerest wishes for continued good fortune, health, and prosperity, as well as our gratitude for her many contributions to the education, welfare, and development of the children of Chicago.