

**RESOLUTION RE: SANDRA A. GIVENS  
FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TEACHER ACCOUNTABILITY**

**WHEREAS**, after 37 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Dr. Sandra A. Givens has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of her retirement, Sandra A. Givens was Director of the Department of Teacher Accountability and Probation Manager at the Ralph J. Bunche Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra A. Givens began her career with the Chicago Public Schools as a music teacher in 1964, at Cooper Upper Grade Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra A. Givens also served as a school counselor at the Gillespie and Fort Dearborn Elementary Schools, from 1970 to 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra A. Givens was appointed as a District Guidance Coordinator from 1976 to 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra A. Givens, was appointed as City Wide Coordinator of Elementary School Guidance at the Central Office in 1982 and City Wide Administrator of Counseling and Guidance at the Central Office in 1988 for the 900 elementary and high school counselors, where she was affectionately known as the "counselor's counselor"; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra A. Givens has served as an award winning principal at the Spencer Math and Science Academy on the Westside of Chicago from 1991 to 1999 where she dedicated all of her energy to improving the learning environment and self-esteem of the school's 1,400 students, and;

**WHEREAS**, Sandra A. Givens was appointed Director of Teacher Accountability in 1999 at the Central Office, where she successfully supervised the "Teacher Evaluation Plan" for School Principals for the purpose of improving the quality of all teachers in the Chicago Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, in all her positions with the Chicago Public Schools, Sandra A. Givens has demonstrated extreme competence, a loyalty to the principals, counselors, teachers, educational support personnel, students and parents of the system, in an unwavering commitment to quality education, and a constant pursuit of excellence in all her work, and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra A. Givens will be greatly missed by all "stakeholders" and students she has worked with throughout her career; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra A. Givens has used the expertise gained from her experiences in the Chicago Public Schools to serve as Adjunct Professor at Northeastern, Chicago State, Roosevelt, and DePaul Universities for the purpose of preparing graduate students for successful careers in the field of education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002, do hereby extend to Dr. Sandra A. Givens our gratitude for her contributions to the education of the children of Chicago and our best wishes in her new endeavors.