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**RESOLUTION RE: THE 2001-2002 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 Phoenix, Arizona, by winning Round 3 of the Illinois Academic Decathlon state championship for the 17<sup>th</sup> 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-six Chicago Public High Schools competed in Round 1: the CPSAD cluster competition at Chicago Vocational Career Academy, and twenty-seven 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, music, speech and the Super Quiz; and

**WHEREAS**, each Academic Decathlon Team is composed of nine members: three Honor students – Megan Wachspress, Olivia Tarcov, Chika Okafar; three Scholastic students – Klara Kim, Laura Llamedo, Michael McGourty; and three Varsity students – Rensise Buenviaje, Tabitha Annen, Michael Damian; 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 27th day of March, 2002, congratulate the Academic Decathlon team members; their coaches, Dagny Bloland and Jon Shay; their tutor-teachers; and the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School administration for the team's successes in the 2002 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, Dr. Joyce Kenner, of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School.