

**RESOLUTION RE: OLIVIA L. WATKINS
SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER**

WHEREAS, after over 34 years of faithful and dedicated service, Dr. Olivia L. Watkins has retired from the Chicago Public schools; and

WHEREAS, she began her career with the Chicago Public Schools in 1968 as a teacher at George Gershwin Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Watkins served as assistant principal and principal at Parker Community Academy; and

WHEREAS, she served as an administrator in the Educational Service Center; and

WHEREAS, she served as the special assistant to two general superintendents of the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, she was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Professional Development; and

WHEREAS, she next served as Director of Special Initiatives focusing on the development and implementation of small schools; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed in 1998 as Executive Assistant and later as Special Projects Officer to the Chief Education Officer, the post she held at the time of her retirement from the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, in all her positions with the Chicago Public Schools, Dr. Watkins has at all times demonstrated through her work the highest level of professionalism and an unwavering commitment to high-quality education for the children of the public school system.

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 24th day of April 2002, do hereby extend to Dr. Olivia L. Watkins our sincere gratitude for her many contributions to the children of the Chicago Public Schools and offer her our best wishes in her future endeavors.