

**RESOLUTION RE:  
THE 2001-2002 NATIONAL MERIT 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**, more than 7,600 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**, 32 Chicago Public Schools students were awarded national scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, Joshua Allen, of Gwendolyn Brooks; James Parker, Debarshi Mustafi, and Benjamin Saller, of Kenwood; Dawn Black, Julio Angeles, John Carrion, Roxana Mondragon, Heidy Moran, Nikolaas Vanderploeg and Sophia Magnone, of Lincoln Park; Peggysue Piedra, of Northside College Prep; Timothy Allen and Daniel McKeegan, of Von Steuben; Lilla Fisher, Andrew Gonzalez, Jonathan Harris, Ramon Robinson, Jessica Barbosa, Alfredo Barraza, Christopher Castro, John Henry Gonzales, Victor Jimenez, Laura Llamedo, Diego Lopez, Christopher Suarez, Osvaldo Zumba, Elizabeth Heller, Marianne Tarcov, Olivia Tarcov and Megan Wachspress, of Whitney Young, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002, congratulate the national merit 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.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution be forwarded to all national scholarship recipients and to their respective principals.