

**RESOLUTION RE: WINNERS OF THE CHICAGO BULLS TEAM SPELLING BEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Public Schools Chicago Reading Initiative and the Chicago Bulls came together to sponsor the first annual Chicago Bulls Spelling Bee; and

**WHEREAS**, the CPS-Chicago Bulls Team Spelling Bee was designed to provide students the opportunity to enhance their skills in spelling, reading, and general word knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the participating Bulls Scholars Program schools entered a team of four students in either 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who worked as a team to spell and define words; and

**WHEREAS**, this competition is unique because its rules replicate a basketball game, complete with free throws, three point shoot outs, and slam dunks; and

**WHEREAS**, the winning school teams 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Orozco , 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Woodson North, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Johns Academy, and 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Nia were honored by the Chicago Public Schools at the Student Awards Ceremony on June 8, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Public Schools promote excellence in education through its support of the classroom teachers in their efforts to improve students' reading, writing and spelling abilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 25th day of September, 2002 commend the above named winners for their accomplishments, thank the Region Education Officers and local school staff members for their dedication to providing students with a quality education, and recognize the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development's continued commitment to excellence in education for all Chicago Public School students.

Place	Team Members/Grade	School	Coach
1 <sup>st</sup>	Greta Cervantes 7 Mauricio Sanchez 7 Victoria Cazares 8 Chris Gonzales 8	Orozco	Martha Monrroy
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whitney Porter 7 Lydia Ashley 7 Arinnie Rule 8 Nikkia Battle 8	Woodson North	Marilyn Andersen
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kennedy Roberts 7 Danika Miller 7 Isaiah Reed 8 Chanta Williams 8	Johns	Tina Curry
4 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Crawford 7 Tremont Shivers 7 Marcella Mayfield 8 Jonathan Bolden 8	Nia	Jeraldyne Saines