

**RESOLUTION HONORING WINNERS OF THE
JEAN BAPTISTE POINTE DU SABLE ESSAY CONTEST**

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education and the Chicago Public Schools promote excellence in education through their support of classroom teachers in their efforts to improve students' reading and writing abilities and guide students to reach their maximum potential, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Curriculum and Instruction and the Chicago Reading Initiative are committed to the process of developing as part of the third-grade curriculum students' awareness of Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable's role as Chicago's first immigrant and his contributions toward building Chicago into the metropolis it has become, and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Du Sable, the Chicago Historical Society, and the Chicago Public Schools have sponsored the *Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable Essay Contest* to provide third-grade students the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to use critical thinking skills and creative expression in the writing of the manuscripts, and

WHEREAS, 63 students from 31 schools submitted entries, and

WHEREAS, 1st place winner - Aaron Looney from Garrett A. Morgan School Elementary School, 2nd place winner - Luke Helliker from Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School, 3rd place winner - Leandra Lee from Patrick Henry Elementary School were selected to be citywide winners in the *Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable Essay Contest*, and will be honored at the annual CPS Literacy Awards ceremony to be held on June 7, 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago gathered here this 23rd day of April, 2003, commend Aaron Looney, Luke Helliker and Leandra Lee for their accomplishments, thank the teachers who worked with the students on this project, and recognize the Office of Curriculum and Instruction and the Chicago Reading Initiative for their continued commitment to excellence in education for all Chicago public school students.