

April 23, 2003

**RESOLUTION RE: THE 2002-2003 NORTHSIDE COLLEGE PREP
ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Northside College Prep Academic Decathlon Team won the statewide event on March 8, 2003 at Macolm X College for the first time and will advance to the national competition in Erie, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Northside College Prep Academic Decathlon Team won first place in the Chicago Public Schools Academic Decathlon cluster in January, 2003 and second place at the city competition in February, 2003; and

WHEREAS, fifty-six Chicago Public High Schools competed in Round 1 cluster competition at Chicago Vocational Career Academy; and twenty-seven schools competed in Round 2 city 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 – Andrew Miller, Catherine Cobb ,Gathi Abraham; three Scholastic students – John Fitzgerald, Caitlin Lill, Alexander Clare; and three Varsity students – Andrew Heywood, Mark Flatley, Russell Boykin; 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 Northside College Prep 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 23rd day of April 2003, congratulate the Academic Decathlon team members; their coach, John Hahm; their tutor-teachers, Sally Maxwell, Sandra Beris, Ann Horn; and the Northside College Prep administration for the team's successes in the 2003 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 the team members, the coach, the tutor-teachers, and the principal, Dr. James C. Lalley.