

**RESOLUTION RE: JOHN WALTER SMITH JR.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SPORTS ADMINISTRATION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, after 40 years of faithful and dedicated service, Dr. John Walter Smith Jr. has retired from the Chicago Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, he began his career with the Chicago Public Schools in 1963 as a teacher at Percy L. Julian High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Smith also served as a teacher and as Head Football Coach at Kenwood High School from 1969 to 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, he also served as a teacher, Head Football Coach, Department Chair and Athletic Director at Percy L. Julian High School from 1975 to 1990. He was responsible for creating and implementing innovative curricula, coordinating departmental activities relating to time and space and conducting in-service and inter-disciplinary meetings. Under his leadership the Julian Football team won a total of eight City Championships and two Prep Bowls; and

**WHEREAS**, he was assigned as Program Specialist in 1990, to the Department of Curriculum, where he coordinated and implemented all activities associated with the citywide elementary tackle program and high school sports programs; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1992 he was appointed Principal of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Elementary School, and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995 he was appointed Executive Director of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Safety and would finish his career as Executive Director of Sports Administration and Facilities Management, he was responsible for programs and policies that directly affected student participation in sports and oversaw all elementary and high school sport programs, in addition to summer sports camps and coaches clinics.

**WHEREAS**, in all his positions with the Chicago Public Schools, Dr. Smith has at all times demonstrated through his 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 President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003, do hereby extend to Dr. John Walter Smith Jr. our sincere gratitude for his many contributions to the children of the Chicago Public Schools and offer him our best wishes in his future endeavors.