

RESOLUTION RE: THE 2002-2003 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

WHEREAS, national scholars receive scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; and

WHEREAS, more than 15,000 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 1.5 million program entrants from more than 20,000 high schools nationwide; and

WHEREAS, more than 8,000 students were selected as national scholar finalists; and

WHEREAS, finalists had to present an outstanding academic record; be endorsed and recommended by the principal; have PSAT/NMSQT test scores confirmed on a second test; and provide an essay describing activities, interests, and goals; and

WHEREAS, 18 Chicago Public Schools students were awarded national scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Gougis of Brooks; Katherine Brubaker of Kenwood; Ruben Loyo, Andrew Szatan and Jasmine Dowell of Lincoln Park (Achievement and Merit); Krystal Madkins of Morgan Park; Mary Gallery and Arthur Izak-Damiecki of Northside Coll; Adrienne Glover, Jessica Harmon, Lauren Hawkins, Elizabeth Love, Dabney Lyles, Chika Okafor, Megan Olmsted, Nicholas Pearce, and Chyealla Savage of Young, all fulfilled the prerequisites for the receipt of a scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; 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 United States and world the knowledge and skills that they have learned while attending Chicago public schools.

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 June 2003, 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.*