

**RESOLUTION RE: THE 2003-2004 WHITNEY M. YOUNG MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team won Fifth Place in the United States Academic Decathlon National Competition in Boise, Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team advanced to the national competition by winning the Illinois Academic Decathlon state championship for the 18th year; and

WHEREAS, the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team won second place in the Chicago Public Schools Academic Decathlon cluster competition and second place in the city championship competition; and

WHEREAS, fifty Chicago Public High Schools competed in Round 1; the Chicago Public Schools Academic Decathlon (CPSAD) cluster competition at Chicago Vocational Career Academy, and twenty-five high schools competed in Round 2; the CPSAD city championship/Illinois Academic Decathlon region competition at Lane Technical College Preparatory; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Decathlon requires team competition in which students match their intellect with that of students from other schools in ten academic areas: art, economics, music, essay, interview, language and literature, mathematics, science, speech and the Super Quiz; and

WHEREAS, the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team is composed of eight members: three Honor students – Eleanor Sharp, Sarah Duffy, Margaret Sharp; three Scholastic students – Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger, Clare Conroy, Lally Gartel; and two Varsity students – Nailah Cash-Obannon, Christina Doocy; 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 Whitney M. Young Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team members comported themselves with dignity, grace and aplomb in each round; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago; gathered here this 28th day of April, 2004, congratulate the Academic Decathlon team members; their coaches, Brian Tennison and Susanne McCannon; their tutor-teachers; and the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School administration for the team's successes in the 2004 United States 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 all team members, coaches and to the principal, Dr. Joyce Kenner, of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School.