

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING EARL LANGDON NEAL

WHEREAS, after over 45 years of faithful and dedicated service and counsel to the City of Chicago and the Chicago Public Schools, Earl Langdon Neal passed away on February 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Earl Langdon Neal was born in Chicago in 1928 and attended Englewood High School, the University of Illinois, and the University of Michigan Law School; and

WHEREAS, Earl Langdon Neal and his firm, Earl L. Neal & Associates, LLC and now Neal & Leroy, LLC provided invaluable legal services and advice to the Chicago Board of Education and Chicago Public Schools by managing land acquisitions, Zoning Appeals, and obtaining the necessary approvals from the Chicago Plan Commission and other regulatory agencies and as a direct result of this service, the Chicago Public Schools has built, maintained and improved countless schools and school related infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, known as a premier land acquisition attorney, Mr. Neal was also an outstanding educational and civic leader, committed to public service and improving the lives of all Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as a member and or chair of such organizations as Chicago/Gary Regional Airport Authority; Public Building Commission of Chicago; and Chicago Urban League, Earl Langdon Neal was committed to improving the quality and access of education and curricular options, serving as President of the University of Illinois Trustees, co-chairperson of the Teachers Academy for Mathematics and Science, and an After School Matters Board Member; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neal's commitment and tireless efforts on behalf of the city of Chicago and countless Chicago Public Schools' students has been invaluable;

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 March, 2005 do hereby extend to the family of Earl Langdon Neal our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere gratitude for Earl Langdon Neal's contributions to the education and safety of the children of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Memorial Resolution be made available to the family of Earl Langdon Neal.