

April 27, 2005

**RESOLUTION HONORING GENE R. SAFFOLD
CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER**

WHEREAS, Gene R. Saffold has served the Chicago Board of Education as a member for almost ten years; and

WHEREAS, Gene R. Saffold was appointed to serve as a member of the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees in July, 1995, by the Honorable Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley, and in July, 1999, was reappointed as a member of the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, he also served as a Trustee of the Public School Teachers' and Retirement Fund of Chicago, a member of the Board for National School Boards Association – Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) and a Finance Academy Advisor; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Board of Education adopted several major policies to restore quality education to the Chicago Public Schools, including an earned promotion policy, a bilingual education policy, a comprehensive education plan, a revised magnet school policy and expanded program, and new high school graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Board adopted and implemented a Capital Improvement Plan that has created new classrooms for thousands of children and has changed the face of public education in the city; and

WHEREAS, he provided leadership to the effort to restore financial, managerial and academic credibility to the Chicago Public Schools, enabling the district to raise funding for school construction, to obtain labor cooperation and a record of significant academic improvement; and

WHEREAS, Gene R. Saffold served on the Board without compensation, devoting many hours of his time to Chicago's public schools and to the children of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, during his ten years of leadership, the Chicago Public Schools have become a model for education reform in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 27th day of April 2005, do hereby extend to Gene R. Saffold our gratitude for his many contributions to the education, welfare and development of the children of Chicago and offer him our best wishes on future endeavors.