

**RESOLUTION RE: LINDA FORD
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF THE NATIONAL TEACHERS ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, after 34 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Linda Ford has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her retirement, Linda Ford was the principal of the National Teachers Academy, located on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Linda Ford began her career with the Chicago Public Schools as a teacher at Carver Primary School; and

WHEREAS, Linda Ford also served as a teacher at South Loop School and as assistant principal at McDade Classical School, going on to become the principal of Brownell School in 1989. After serving in a principal capacity for several years, Linda Ford was approved a special on-loan leave of absence to work at the University of Chicago. Upon completion of the on-loan leave, Ms. Ford returned to the Chicago Public School system where she helped design and implement the National Teachers Academy; and

WHEREAS, Linda Ford is an experienced and dedicated educator who is widely respected and acknowledged for her professional expertise and personal approach with students and parents; and

WHEREAS, Linda Ford will be greatly missed by the students and faculty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 22nd day of June, 2005, do hereby extend to Linda Ford our heartiest congratulations upon her retirement as a Principal, and offer to her our sincerest and best wishes for good fortune and prosperity, as well as our gratitude for her contributions to the education and development of the children of Chicago.