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RESOLUTION RE: THE 2004-2005 GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS

WHEREAS, the Golden Apple Foundation began in 1989 to address the urgent need for resilient and creative teachers serving economically disadvantaged students; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Apple Foundation through the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program; supports scholars while they pursue an undergraduate education at one of 35 Illinois universities; provides them with financial assistance for college, and arguments their teacher preparation; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars pledge to teach for five years in an Illinois school of need; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars conclude their undergraduate preparation with more than three times the classroom experience than that of traditionally prepared beginning teachers; and

WHEREAS, they attend four Summer Institutes that provide extensive pre-student teaching by award-winning Golden Apple teachers; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars experience the challenge and triumph of teaching in a high-needs setting, put coursework theories into practice, experience teaching situations in different subject and grade levels, and receive support and feedback from veteran teachers and fellow scholars; and

WHEREAS, candidates to receive Golden Apple scholarships wrote seven essays, achieved a score no less than 18 on the ACT, maintained at least a 2.5 GPA, and have evidenced a passion to make a difference in the lives of children by committing themselves to becoming future teachers; and

WHEREAS, Latis Barnes; Kinga Baut; Elizabeth Carrillo; Sandra Diaz; Jacqueline Ford; Karla Garcia; Rosemary Garfias; Latrice Griffin; Elizabeth Hernandez; Emily Iverson; Nicole Luke; Keziah Montgomery; Jennifer Palmejar-Takaki; Noel Perez; Yazmin Pulido; Francheska Robinson; Octavia Rowe; Winston Rysdahl; Diana Salgado; Roberta Sanders; Kristy Sieburg; Anabel Tapla; Cam Tu Vu; Philicia Wheatley; Darien Williams have successfully fulfilled all prerequisites and have been recognized as 2005 Golden Apple Scholars.

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 congratulate the 2005 Chicago Public Schools Golden Apple scholarship recipients, their schools, teachers, and administration. Congratulations are also extended to the parents of these students for their supportive role in the students' accomplishments.