

August 24, 2005

**RESOLUTION RE: MARY MARTHA SILVA-VERA  
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF MIRELES ACADEMY**

**WHEREAS**, after 34 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Mary Martha Silva-Vera has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of her retirement, Mary Martha Silva-Vera was the principal of Mireles Academy, located on the south side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Martha Silva-Vera began her career with the Chicago Public Schools as a teacher at Mireles Academy, formerly known as Sheridan School; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Martha Silva-Vera also served as a bilingual education coordinator, as an ESEA Chapter 1 coordinator, and the first reading recovery teacher leader, going on to become the principal in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Martha Silva-Vera 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**, Mary Martha Silva-Vera will be greatly missed by the students and faculty of Mireles Academy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005, do hereby extend to Mary Martha Silva-Vera 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.