

**RESOLUTION RE: WHITNEY M. YOUNG MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL
30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, Whitney M. Young Magnet High School opened its doors on September 3, 1975 and was the first Magnet School to be established in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Young's mission is to provide a college preparatory program that challenges all students to reach their maximum potential and provide an environment of excellence, responsibility and diversity that fosters intellectual, social and technological skills accomplished through professional development, a structured learning experience and parental support; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Young's record of achievement is remarkable. The Academic Decathlon Team won their 19th state title and finished fifth at the national competition in 2004, 100 graduates were named Illinois State Scholars, and the Whitney Young Math Team finished first at the Chicago Citywide Math League. Additionally, the Class of 2005 had 21 National Merit Semifinalists, the third highest in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Young over the past 30 years has created a diverse student population who are encouraged to actively participate in extracurricular activities and has over 60 clubs and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Young's Service Learning Program fosters the development of personal values, enhances self-esteem, encourages social responsibility and helps promote a sense of caring for others through volunteer work with non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Young's focus on achievement, scholarship, diversity, character and service provides students with an opportunity to develop mutual respect, social interaction and cultivation of their individual talents which will serve them well throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Young will celebrate 30 years of providing academic excellence in the Chicago Public Schools. The school's celebration, known as Project 30, will recognize the establishment of Whitney Young in 1975 and will observe the accomplishments of the school and its graduates over its first 30 years. It is the school's goal to raise \$300,000.00 by the end of this year. The funds will be used to enhance the school's programming, development and facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 28th day of September, 2005, congratulate Whitney M. Young Magnet High School students, parents, faculty and alumni on its tremendous accomplishments over the past 30 years and wish them success in their ambitious fund-raising efforts.