

March 22, 2006

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING DR. PAMELA DYSON

WHEREAS, after over 33 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Chicago Public Schools, Dr. Pamela Dyson passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamela Dyson was born in New Orleans and moved to Chicago to further her education, receiving her bachelor's degree in English education from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1973, her master's degree in guidance and counseling in 1976 and her master's of administration and supervision in 1978 from Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamela Dyson began her career with the Chicago Public Schools as an English teacher at Stephan T. Mather High School in 1973 and in 1985 became one of the founding teachers and the staff recruiter for the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Dr. Pamela Dyson took on a new challenge and became a personnel coordinator at the Chicago Public Schools' central office and later a coordinator in the Office of Accountability; and

WHEREAS, after receiving her doctorate in educational and organizational leadership from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, in 1997 Dr. Pamela Dyson became the principal of Martin Luther King, Jr. High School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dyson remained principal and instructional leader of the school as it evolved into, and was reopened as, Martin Luther King Jr. College Preparatory Academy High School; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 Dr. Pamela Dyson became principal of Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamela Dyson was instrumental in expanding learning opportunities for her students, providing access to such activities as honors programs, computer classes, after school programs, and creative writing courses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamela Dyson will be remembered as an educator, leader, mentor and pioneer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamela Dyson's commitment and tireless efforts on behalf of countless Chicago public school students has been invaluable.

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 March, 2006 do hereby extend to the family of Dr. Pamela Dyson our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere gratitude for Dr. Pamela Dyson's contributions to the education and safety of the children of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Memorial Resolution be made available to the family of Dr. Pamela Dyson.