

**RESOLUTION RE: THE 2005-2006 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS**

**WHEREAS**, national scholars receive scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 15,000 national scholarship semifinalists were chosen from an initial Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT), which served as an initial screening of the more than 1.5 million program entrants from more than 20,000 high schools nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 8,000 students were selected as national scholar finalists; and

**WHEREAS**, finalists had to present an outstanding academic record; be endorsed and recommended by the principal; have PSAT/NMSQT test scores confirmed on a second test; and provide an essay describing activities, interests, and goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the following Chicago Public School students were awarded national scholarships; Sarah Bayer; Ilya Chalik; Wenna Jia; Joseph Matuch; Maximilian Swiatlowski; and

**WHEREAS**, the following Chicago Public School students fulfilled the prerequisites for the receipt of a scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: Sarah Bayer; Ilya Chalik; Wenna Jia; Joseph Matuch; Maximilian Swiatlowski; Jared Twiss-Brooks; and

**WHEREAS**, these students reflect the balance and diversity of good students in the Chicago Public Schools in academics, athletics, community service and school spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, these students will take to colleges and universities all over the United States and world the knowledge and skills that they have learned while attending the Chicago Public Schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006, congratulate the national merit scholars for their accomplishments and once again bringing distinction to our school system and to our city. Congratulations are also extended to the parents of these students for their supportive role in the students' accomplishments.