

September 27, 2006

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING CLINTON BRISTOW, JR.

WHEREAS, Clinton Bristow, Jr. passed away on Monday August 19, 2006, and is survived by his daughter, his sister and his brother; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Bristow, Jr. was born in 1949 in Birmingham, Alabama, and moved with his family to Cleveland, Ohio, where he lived until moving to Evanston to attend Northwestern University, earning his bachelor's degree in 1971, his law degree in 1974 and his PH.D. in 1977. In the mid-eighties, he went on to complete his MBA credentials from Governor's State University; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Bristow, Jr. served as the Vice-President of Olive Harvey College in the early eighties and went on to serve as the Dean of the College of Business at Chicago State University from 1985 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Bristow, Jr. served as a strong and focused leader of the Chicago Board of Education from 1990 to 1992, as President and continued as a Member of the Board through 1995; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Bristow, Jr. was named the President of Alcorn State University in Mississippi in August 1995. In his position as President, he was committed to increasing the percentage of minority students attending graduate and professional school; and to increasing the public's awareness and appreciation of the value and contributions to society by land-grant universities through their research, extension programs and overall excellence; and

WHEREAS, since becoming the President of Alcorn, Clinton Bistrow, Jr. doubled the percentage of students attending graduate and professional school, improved retention and established a faculty research incentive program to enhance research in life sciences, where Alcorn is a national leader in the production of African-American baccalaureate graduates in the life and agricultural science; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Bristow, Jr. was active in many organizations and on many Boards, including membership on the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, the Commission of Colleges-Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, the Congressional Award Board, the Mississippi Agricultural Museum and the Mid-Delta-Consortium. While in Chicago, Mr. Bristow was active in the Chicago Bar Association, the LaSalle Street Business Council, the Beverly Area Local Development Corporation, the YMCA, the Chicago Youth Success Foundation and the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, on this 27th day of September, 2006 do hereby extend to the family of Clinton Bristow, Jr. our deepest sympathy, and offer to his family our gratitude for his many contributions to the City of Chicago.