

RESOLUTION RE: THE 2006-2007 GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS

WHEREAS, the Golden Apple Foundation was begun in 1989 to address the urgent need for resilient and creative teachers serving economically disadvantaged students, and

WHEREAS, the Golden Apple Foundation through the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program supports scholars while they pursue an undergraduate education at one of the 35 Illinois universities; and provides them with financial assistance for college, and augments their teacher preparation; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars pledge to teach for five years in an Illinois school of need; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars conclude their undergraduate preparation with more than three times the classroom experience than that of traditionally prepared beginning teachers, and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple Scholars attend four summer institutes that provide extensive pre-student teaching by award-winning Golden Apple teachers; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars experience the challenge and triumph of teaching in a high-needs setting, put coursework into practice, experience teaching situations in different subject and grade levels, and receive support and feedback from veteran teachers and fellow scholars, and

WHEREAS, these Golden Apple scholars wrote seven essays, achieved a score no less than 18 on the ACT, maintained at least a 2.5 G.P.A., and have evidenced a passion to make a difference in the lives of children by committing themselves to becoming future teachers; and

WHEREAS, Marina Barboza of Big Picture - Back of Yards; Jerry Crockrell of Phoenix Military Academy; Jennifer Dennis of Morgan Park; Delisa Edwards of Harper; Ernesto Garza of Northside College Prep.; Kiara Henderson of Corliss; Mariana Howard-Paez of Whitney Young; Kenyatta Johnson of Harlan; Jordan Lanfair of Kenwood; Kathryn Manansala of Whitney Young; Scarlett Mays of Curie; Joshua McClendon of Julian; Aquilla Mikel of Whitney Young; Janese Nolan of Chicago Military; Alaina Parks of Lake View; Cynthia Pulido of Kelly; Linda Ramos of Lake View; Dawn Reed-Brooks of Mather; Bryan Riddle of Fenger; Jesus Serrano of Big Picture - Back of Yards; Mercedes Smith of Austin; and Cynthia Watson of Lane Tech. are the 2006-2007 Golden Apple Foundation recipients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 23rd day of May 2007, congratulate Marina Barboza of Big Picture - Back of Yards; Jerry Crockrell of Phoenix Military Academy; Jennifer Dennis of Morgan Park; Delisa Edwards of Harper; Ernesto Garza of Northside College Prep.; Kiara Henderson of Corliss; Mariana Howard-Paez of Whitney Young; Kenyatta Johnson of Harlan; Jordan Lanfair of Kenwood; Kathryn Manansala of Whitney Young; Scarlett Mays of Curie; Joshua McClendon of Julian; Aquilla Mikel of Whitney Young; Janese Nolan of Chicago Military; Alaina Parks of Lake View; Cynthia Pulido of Kelly; Linda Ramos of Lake View; Dawn Reed-Brooks of Mather; Bryan Riddle of Fenger; Jesus Serrano of Big Picture - Back of Yards; Mercedes Smith of Austin; and Cynthia Watson of Lane Tech. as the 2006-2007 Golden Apple Scholars. Congratulations are extended to the parents for their supportive role in the students' accomplishments.