

**RESOLUTION HONORING DR. DONALD R. PITTMAN, CHIEF OFFICER,
OFFICE OF HIGH SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, after thirty-five years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Dr. Donald R. Pittman has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald R. Pittman, attended and graduated from the Chicago Public Schools, received a Bachelor of Science, and Master of Science degrees from Chicago State University, and a Doctorate of Education from Nova Southeastern University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald R. Pittman began his career and served as a teacher and coach for 14 years at Kohn Elementary School. Dr. Donald R. Pittman has worked with the Chicago Public Schools by serving as a teacher, assistant principal and coach at South Shore High School, an assistant principal and coach at Carver High School, and as Principal of Marshall High School for six years; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Dr. Donald R. Pittman was appointed Area 23 Area Instruction Officer and developed and monitored programs and the progress of 24 high schools. Under his leadership, several Area 23 high schools scores saw increases on the Prairie State Achievement Exam, the State administered exam for all high school juniors; and

WHEREAS, as Chief Officer of High School Programs, Dr. Donald R. Pittman, provided supervision and leadership for six Area Instruction Officers and one Military Area Office, five high school departments, and 20 high school programs and was responsible for the educational programs of over 100 CPS high schools; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief Officer, Dr. Donald R. Pittman was responsible for the development and implementation of educational programs and initiatives within High School Curriculum, Education to Careers, Service Learning, Evening Schools, Post-Secondary Education, Drop Out Prevention, High School Transformation and Sports Administration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald R. Pittman oversaw the planning and implementation of the Chicago Public Schools High Schools Transformation, the district's initiative to improve classroom instruction, provide parents and students more school options and opportunities, and make school performance more accountable in all Chicago Public Schools high schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald R. Pittman has been honored with numerous recognitions, including the Rainbow PUSH Excellence in Education Award, Chicago Academy for School Leadership Distinguished Education Award, Chicago Area Alliance of Black School Educators Award, Chicago Academy for School Leadership Outstanding Principal Award, Phi Delta Kappa Educator of the Year Award, Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, Chicago Public Schools Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald R. Pittman's devotion, commitment, and determination to improve the quality of education for countless Chicago Public Schools 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 this 27th day of June, 2007, do hereby extend to Dr. Donald R. Pittman our thanks for his service and offer our most sincere gratitude for his contributions to the school system and the children of the City of Chicago.