

**RESOLUTION RE: DEBORAH P. HAMMOND-WATTS, PH.D.
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF THE SUDER MONTESSORI MAGNET SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, after 34 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Dr. Deborah P. Hammond-Watts has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her retirement, Dr. Deborah Hammond-Watts was the principal of the Suder Montessori Magnet School, located on the west side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deborah Hammond-Watts began her career with the Chicago Public Schools as a classroom teacher at the Frederick Douglass Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deborah Hammond-Watts also served as a physical education teacher and a Desegregation Coordinator, going on to become the principal of Poe Classical School from 1990 - 2005 and principal of the Suder Montessori Magnet School in 2005 and worked as a member of the Steering Committee of the Chicago Public Schools United Negro College Fund, Coach with LIFT, LAUNCH, LEAPA, and served on the Portfolio Review and Oral Review Committees with OPPD; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deborah Hammond-Watts is an experienced and dedicated educator who is widely respected and acknowledged for her professional expertise and personal approach with students and parents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deborah Hammond-Watts will be greatly missed by the students and faculty of the Suder Montessori Magnet School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 27th day of June 2007, do hereby extend to Dr. Deborah P. Hammond-Watts our heartiest congratulations upon her retirement as a Principal, and offer to her our sincerest and best wishes for good fortune and prosperity, as well as our gratitude for her contributions to the education and development of the children of Chicago.