

**RESOLUTION RE: DR. LARRY J. THOMAS
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF THE EDWARD COLES LANGUAGE ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, after 35 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Dr. Larry J. Thomas has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his retirement, Dr. Larry Thomas was the principal of the Edward Coles Language Academy, located on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Thomas began his career with the Chicago Public Schools as a High School English Teacher at Wendell Phillips, Mather, DuSable, Corliss, King, and Tesla High Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Thomas also served as a Counselor, Assistant Principal and Principal of South Shore High School 2000-2002 and Edward Coles Language Academy From 1993 until June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Thomas is an experienced and dedicated educator who is widely respected and acknowledged for his professional expertise and personal approach with students and parents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Thomas will be greatly missed by the students and faculty of the Edward Coles Language Academy Elementary 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. Larry J. Thomas our heartiest congratulations upon his retirement as a Principal, and offer to him our sincerest and best wishes for good fortune and prosperity, as well as our gratitude for his contributions to the education and development of the children of Chicago.