

RESOLUTION RE: THE 2007-2008 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, Celestina Agyekum of Kenwood; Theresa Alanis of Roosevelt; Nancy Barajas of Juarez; Luz Candelaria of Noble Street; Marshe Collins of Englewood; Janira Delvalle of Clemente; Evelyn Doyle of Chicago International - Longwood; Shannon Echeverria of Mather; Monique Ester of Chicago Military; Sandra Gomez of Bogan; Christopher Harlan of King; Y'Donna Hill of Bogan; Xiaoli Huang of Lake View; Maria Irizarry of Von Steuben; Arlicia Ketchum of Kenwood; Erica Loburgio of Juarez; Lorena Maldonado of Noble Street; Daniel Medina of Farragut; Diona Montgomery of Simeon; Ileana Navarro of Amundsen; Danny Pena of Kelvyn Park; Susan Rebolledo of Noble Street; Jonathan Reiman of Kenwood; Tatanisha Robinson of Curie; Adriana Rodriguez of Lincoln Park; Ruben Sanchez of Juarez; Yamileth Sanchez of North Grand; Sydney Smith of Lake View; Cynthia Smith of Lincoln Park; Natalie Thompson of Foreman; Bridgett Vance of Clark CP; Raymond Wilson of Manley; Erica Zuniga of Juarez; are the 2007-2008 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, this 28th day of May 2008, congratulate Omolara Adeolu; Sean Gallagher; Tanisha Hampton; Bianca Santiago; Marta Stecko; Darryl Stevenson; Allyson Tarmino; Samuel Vega; Cherelle Williams ;and Raymond Wilson; as the 2007-2008 Golden Apple Scholars. Congratulations are also extended to the parents and teachers of these students for their role in the students' accomplishments.