

RESOLUTION RE: THE 2007-2008 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

WHEREAS, national scholars receive scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; and

WHEREAS, more than 15,000 national scholarship semifinalists were chosen from an initial PSAT/NMSQT, which served as an initial screening of the more than 1.3 million program entrants from more than 22,000 high schools nationwide; and

WHEREAS, more than 8,000 students were selected as national scholar finalists; and

WHEREAS, finalists had to present an outstanding academic record; be endorsed and recommended by the principal; have PSAT/NMSQT test scores confirmed on a second test; and provide an essay describing activities, interests, and goals; and

WHEREAS, Rongjie Chen of Lincoln Park; Elsa Culler of Lincoln Park; Natalia Emanuel of Northside CP; Eva Feldman of Lincoln Park; Eitan Frankel of Payton CP; Harold Jaffe of Northside CP; Rebecca Liu of Lincoln Park; John Mussman of Northside CP; Kenneth Oshita of Lincoln Park; Adam Swiatlowski of Northside CP will take to colleges and universities all over the United States and world the knowledge and skills that they have learned while attending the Chicago Public Schools.

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 Rongjie Chen, Elsa Culler, Natalia Emanuel, Eva Feldman, Eitan Frankel, Harold Jaffe, Rebecca Liu, John Mussman, Kenneth Oshita, and Adam Swiatlowski, for their accomplishments and once again bringing distinction to the Chicago Public Schools and the City of Chicago. Congratulations are also extended to the parents and teachers of these students for their role in the students' accomplishments.