

May 27, 2009

RE: THE 2008-2009 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARS

WHEREAS, the National Achievement Scholarship Program annually recognizes scholastically talented African American Youth as National Achievement Scholars; and

WHEREAS, of the 800 students selected as national achievement scholar finalists, 8 of these finalists attend a Chicago public school; 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, these National Achievement Scholars' dedication to academic achievement and scholarly pursuit is commendable, and

WHEREAS, Adaora K. Achufusi of Northside College Prep; Amina S.A. Jambo of Northside College Prep; Donovan S. Harris of Payton College Prep; Gregory Johnson of Payton College Prep; Isabel D. Strauss of Payton College Prep; Jasmin E. Hainey of Whitney Young Magnet HS; Latara Mclemore of Whitney Young Magnet HS and Rieko H. Shepherd of Whitney Young Magnet HS are recognized as National Achievement Scholar Program Finalists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 27th day of May 2009, congratulate Adaora K. Achufusi of Northside College Prep; Amina S.A. Jambo of Northside College Prep; Donovan S. Harris of Payton College Prep; Gregory Johnson of Payton College Prep; Isabel D. Strauss of Payton College Prep; Jasmin E. Hainey of Whitney Young Magnet HS; Latara Mclemore of Whitney Young Magnet HS and Rieko H. Shepherd of Whitney Young Magnet HS 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.