

**RESOLUTION RE: RAE BRUNSON SMITH
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF THE EDGAR ALLAN POE CLASSICAL SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, after 35 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Rae Brunson Smith has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her retirement, Rae Brunson Smith was the Principal of the Edgar Allan Poe Classical School, located on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Rae Brunson Smith began her career with the Chicago Public Schools as a teacher at the Sol R. Crown Elementary school and taught at various other schools; and

WHEREAS, Rae Brunson Smith also served as assistant principal at Turner-Drew Language Academy and as a central service center administrator in Professional Development and Staff Training and Learning Technologies but, most notably serving as executive producer and host of the television program "In Focus with the Chicago Public Schools" and going on to become the Principal of Howland School of the Arts in 2002 and Principal of Edgar Allan Poe Classical School in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Rae Brunson Smith 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, Rae Brunson Smith will be greatly missed by the students and faculty of the Edgar Allan Poe Classical 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 24th day of June, 2009, do hereby extend to Rae Brunson Smith 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.