

**RESOLUTION RE: GERY J. CHICO
RETIRED PRESIDENT, CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, after six years of distinguished service, Gery J. Chico has resigned as President of the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Gery J. Chico was appointed to serve as President of the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees on July 1, 1995 by the Honorable Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley; and

WHEREAS, in July 1999, he was elected to the position of President of the Chicago Board of Education by his fellow Board Members; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Board of Education adopted several major policies to restore quality education to the Chicago Public Schools, including an earned promotion policy, a bilingual education policy, a comprehensive education plan, a revised magnet school policy and expanded program, and new high school graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Board adopted and implemented a Capital Improvement Plan that has created new classrooms for thousands of children and has changed the face of public education in the city; and

WHEREAS, he provided leadership to the effort to restore financial, managerial and academic credibility to the Chicago Public Schools, enabling the district to raise funding for school construction, to obtain labor cooperation and a record of significant academic improvement; and

WHEREAS, Gery J. Chico served on the Board without compensation, devoting many hours of his time to Chicago's public schools and to the children of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, during his years of leadership, the Chicago Public Schools have become a model for education reform in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 27th day of June 2001, do hereby extend to Gery J. Chico our gratitude for his many contributions to the education, welfare and development of the children of Chicago and offer him our best wishes for his future endeavors.