

June 27, 2001

**RESOLUTION RE: DR. LEON HENDRICKS
RETIRED DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF CHARACTER EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Hendricks has acquired over 30 years of experience in the public and private school systems, 13 of which were with the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, during those years, he served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent of schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hendricks has served on the local level as director of the Department of Character Education for the Chicago Public Schools, on the state level as Project Director, Pilot Projects in Character Education for the Illinois State Board of Education, and on the national level as director of Recruitment and Training for the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, he has been a prolific grant writer, providing ISBE funding for the Chicago Serves Project, an elementary school service-learning program; providing Corporation for National & Community Service funding for Project Reward to provide students with over 300,000 donated items; and providing Illinois Counselors Association funding for more than 10 CPS scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Dr Hendricks is the author of various publications including: Character Education: The Sub: An Orientation Program for Substitute Teachers; Statutes, Policies, and Practices for Financing Non-Public Parochial Schools; Team Teaching: A Manual for Implementation; P.O.E.T.S.: A Training Manual for Effective Presentations; and Overcoming Stress, Burnout, and Meltdown; and

WHEREAS, he has developed and implemented programs in the areas of drug and alcohol prevention, violence/gang intervention and conflict resolution; support for at-risk youth, parent involvement, community organizing, school business partnerships, safe schools, service learning, teen courts, character education, and alternative schools; and

WHEREAS, he is a nationally known lecturer and presenter, speaking to educators, parents, students, law enforcement officials, and business and community groups; and

WHEREAS, he has spearheaded the Good Samaritan program, which recognizes students and adults for their good deeds on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, he has continued to provide the benefits of his experience and counsel to local, state, and national educators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Board President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 27th day of June 2001, do hereby extend to Dr. Leon Hendricks our heartfelt congratulations upon his retirement, and offer him our sincerest wishes for continued good fortune, health, and prosperity, as well as our gratitude for his many contributions to the education, welfare, and development of the children of Chicago.