

**RESOLUTION RE: MICHAEL ZIVAT, FIRST PLACE WINNER; C. J. HADAD, GIAN SANTOS, RUNNER UP WINNERS, OF THE SCRIPPS HOWARD NATIONAL SPELLING BEE SPONSORED BY THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**

**WHEREAS**, the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee promotes educational excellence by improving students' spelling abilities, increasing students' vocabularies and learning new concepts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Tribune Newspaper has sponsored the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee for Chicago Public Schools students; and

**WHEREAS**, the competition encourages students to analyze word origins, distinguish between sounds and syllables, understand multiple meanings and understand the word usages in oral sentences; and

**WHEREAS**, the spelling bee takes place at the local and national levels, and hundreds of Chicago Public Schools students participated in the contest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Tribune sponsors the local champions' trip to Washington, D. C. to participate in the National Spelling Bee; and

**WHEREAS**, **Michael Zivat**, an eighth grade student at Grissom Elementary School, won first place and **C. J. Hadad**, an eighth grade student at Owen Scholastic Academy School, and **Gian Santos**, a sixth grade student at Pierce Elementary School, runner-ups in the local spelling bee and were honored by the Chicago Public Schools at the Student Awards Ceremony on June 8, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the above named winners received a plaque and a certificate for "Outstanding Accomplishments"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Chicago Reading Initiative Office of Curriculum, is committed to the process of making language arts skills a part of the total school curriculum and assisting classroom teachers in guiding students to reach their maximum potential;

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Public Schools promote excellence in education through its support of the classroom teachers in their efforts to improve students' reading, writing and spelling abilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 25th day of September, 2002 commend the above named winners for their accomplishments, thank the Region Education Officers and local school staff members for their dedication to providing students with a quality education, and recognize the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development's continued commitment to excellence in education for all Chicago Public School students.