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**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING DOLORES GONZALEZ**

**WHEREAS**, after over 30 years of faithful and dedicated service to public education, Ms. Dolores Gonzalez passed away in January 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dolores Gonzalez was raised on the Chicago's west side and received her undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University and her Master's in Education from Chicago State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dolores Gonzalez served as an elementary foreign language teacher and bilingual kindergarten teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gonzalez was principal at Chopin Elementary, and in 1985 was one of ten principals recognized for having the most improved school in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gonzalez played a pivotal role in Chicago's school reform, acting as a Sub-District Superintendent at the inception of the Chicago School Reform Law. In her capacity as Sub-District Superintendent, Ms. Gonzalez was responsible for 52 Chicago public schools and for ensuring that each school's Local School Council adhered to the School Reform Law; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, Ms. Gonzalez was named Phi Delta Kappa Educator of the Year for her efforts in instituting Chicago School Reform; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1995-2003, Dolores Gonzalez served as Director of the Illinois Administrators Academy, where she provided professional development opportunities to administrators across Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Leadership Initiative for Transformation (LIFT) program, Dolores Gonzalez was integral in offering comprehensive supportive programs, mentoring, and professional development to new Chicago Public School principals; and

**WHEREAS**, Dolores Gonzalez will be remembered as an educator, leader, reformer, mentor, and friend; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gonzalez's commitment and tireless efforts on half of countless Chicago Public Schools' students has been invaluable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004 do hereby extend to the family of Dolores Gonzalez our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere gratitude for Dolores Gonzalez's contributions to the education and safety of the children of Chicago.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Memorial Resolution be made available to the family of Dolores Gonzalez.