

**RESOLUTION RE: CEOLA BARNES
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF THE NEIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, after 34 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Ceola Barnes has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her retirement, Ceola Barnes was the principal of the Neil Elementary School, located on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Ceola Barnes began her career with the Chicago Public Schools as a teacher at Hyde Park Career Academy; and

WHEREAS, Ceola Barnes also served as department chair, case manager, and assistant principal, going on to become the principal in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Ceola Barnes 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, Ceola Barnes will be greatly missed by the students and faculty of the Neil Elementary 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 23rd day of June, 2004, do hereby extend to Ceola Barnes 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.