

RESOLUTION RE: THE 2003-2004 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

WHEREAS, national scholars receive scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund; and

WHEREAS, more than 15,000 national scholarship semifinalists were chosen from an initial Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT), which served as an initial screening of the more than 1.5 million program entrants from more than 20,000 high schools nationwide; and

WHEREAS, more than 8,000 students were selected as national scholar finalists; and

WHEREAS, finalists had to present an outstanding academic record; be endorsed and recommended by the principal; have PSAT/NMSQT test scores confirmed on a second test; and provide an essay describing activities, interests, and goals; and

WHEREAS, the following Chicago Public School students were awarded national scholarships: Alva, Sandra; Arnett, Mawusi; Barba, Rocio; Barreno, Albino; Birnbaum, Michael J.; Calderon, Jennifer; Carrington, Ryan; Chavez, Francisco; Chavez, Yolanda; Concepcion, Geovannie; Corral, Marissa; Costello, Amelia; Criollo, Nury; Cruz, Ariana; Davis, Samuel; Debehnke, Mychalena M.; Diaz, Monica; Epison, Dara; Favela, Francisca; Fernandez, Nayeli; Godniez, Ana; Hernandez, Yaneth; Hicks, Ashley; Humphrey, Talisa; Hurtado, Karina; Jaramillo, Michelle; Jonas, Anne; Liu, Lewis; Locust, Raffinee; Marban, Rebecca; Martinez, Rafael; McClure, Clinton; Miller, Jonathan; Montagner, Gryssel; Nicolae, Andreea; Pillarella, Jessica; Rodriguez, Diana; Rodriguez, Griselis; Seaberry, Camille; Seidenfeld, Justine; Sharp, Margaret; Soto, Vanessa; Soto, Veronica; Tapia, Brenda; Urowsky, Gena; Vonhoene, William; White, Roxanne; and

WHEREAS, the following Chicago Public School students fulfilled the prerequisites for the receipt of a scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and National Hispanic Scholarship Fund: (*Merit*) Birnbaum, Michael J.; Carrington, Ryan; Debehnke, Mychalena M.; Jonas, Anne; Nicolae, Andreea; Seidenfeld, Justine; Sharp, Margaret (*Hispanic*) Alva, Sandra; Barba, Rocio; Barreno, Albino; Calderon, Jennifer; Chavez, Francisco; Chavez, Yolanda; Concepcion, Geovannie; Corral, Marissa; Costello, Amelia; Criollo, Nury; Cruz, Ariana; Diaz, Monica; Favela, Francisca; Fernandez, Nayeli; Godniez, Ana; Hernandez, Yaneth; Hurtado, Karina; Jaramillo, Michelle; Marban, Rebecca; Martinez, Rafael; Montagner, Gryssel; Pillarella, Jessica; Rodriguez, Diana; Rodriguez, Griselis; Soto, Vanessa; Soto, Veronica; Tapia, Brenda; and

WHEREAS, these students reflect the balance and diversity of good students in the Chicago Public Schools in academics, athletics, community service and school spirit; and

WHEREAS, these students will take to colleges and universities all over the United States and world the knowledge and skills that they have learned while attending Chicago public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 23rd day of June 2004, congratulate the national merit scholars for their accomplishments and for once again bringing distinction to our school system and to our city. Congratulations are also extended to the parents of these students for their supportive role in the students' accomplishments.