

**RESOLUTION RE: ALFORD BRIDGES
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF THE GRESHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, after 38 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Alford Bridges has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his retirement, Alford Bridges was the principal of the Gresham Elementary School, located on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Alford Bridges began his career with the Chicago Public Schools as a teacher at the Gresham school; and

WHEREAS, Alford Bridges also served as an assistant principal, going on to become the principal in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Alford Bridges is an experienced and dedicated educator who is widely respected and acknowledged for his professional expertise and personal approach with students and parents; and

WHEREAS, Alford Bridges will be greatly missed by the students and faculty of the Gresham 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 Alford Bridges our heartiest congratulations upon his retirement as a Principal, and offer to him our sincerest and best wishes for good fortune and prosperity, as well as our gratitude for his contributions to the education and development of the children of Chicago.