

September 22, 2004

**RESOLUTION RE: DR. CALIZ GIL  
EDUCATION ADVISOR FOR THE SPANISH EMBASSY**

**WHEREAS**, in 1997 the Chicago Public Schools and the Ministry of Education of Spain entered in a Memorandum of Understanding to foster and promote the understanding and appreciation of both cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Understanding affords Chicago's Public School students access to teachers from Spain capable of providing a foundation in learning and experiencing the Spanish language and culture that will prepare them for future personal, academic and professional success; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 1998, the Ministry of Education named Dr. Caliz Gil as the Spanish Language Consultant to implement the objectives contained in the Memorandum of Understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Gil oversaw the selection process in Spain which resulted in the placement of approximately 100 teachers from Spain who specialized in the teaching of Spanish and foreign languages; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Gil organized and planned a variety of professional development opportunities both here and in Spain for Chicago Public Schools Spanish World Language Teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Gil has completed her term as the Spanish Language Consultant for the Ministry of Education of Spain.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2004, commend and extend our sincere appreciation to Dr. Caliz Gil for her tireless efforts in promoting educational and cultural programs between the Ministry of Education of Spain and the Chicago Public Schools which fostered high quality Spanish World Language Programs for Chicago Public School students.