

**RESOLUTION RE: THELMA SYLVESTER
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF THE VERNON JOHNS ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, after 36 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Thelma Sylvester has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her retirement, Thelma Sylvester was the principal of the Vernon Johns Academy, located on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Sylvester began her career with the Chicago Public Schools as a teacher at Farragut High School; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Sylvester also served as a disciplinarian and as an assistant principal, going on to become a principal in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Sylvester 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, Thelma Sylvester will be greatly missed by the students and faculty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 22nd day of June, 2005, do hereby extend to Thelma Sylvester 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.