

RESOLUTION RE: THE 2004-2005 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; Amanda Brown; Tiffany Dockery; Nina Foucher; Robert Jackson; James Mister; Ivy Pittman; Tobar Richardson; Kyle Waddy; Celeste Wallace; and

WHEREAS, the following Chicago Public School students fulfilled the prerequisites for the receipt of a scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: Gathi Abraham; Eve Alexander; Juan Sebastian Arias; David Braun; Laura Cathy; Catherine Cobb; Nathan Cohan; Alice Corcoran; Lucas Culler; Sophia Darugar; Polina Dekhytar; Sarah Duffy; Ian Feldman; Mikhail Gordin; Mari Gordon; Thomas Graham; Matthew Hieggelke; Chenghong Huang; Michael Kubicka; Andrew Lawrence; Matthew Mark; Melissa McBride; Andrew Clark Miller; Rebecca Milsk; Gina Moy; Vivian Nereim; Michael Pomeranz; Emily Pope-Obeda; Douglas Power; Peter Raleigh; Jaclyn Roman; Deana Rutherford; Adam Rutstein; Eleanor Sharp; Ariella Silverstein-Tipp; Sana Suh; Jennifer Terrell; Paaven Thaker; Roger Waite; Laura Weiss; Randy Yang; 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 the 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 22nd day of June 2005, congratulate the national merit scholars for their accomplishments and 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.