

RESOLUTION RE: THE 2005-2006 GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS

WHEREAS, the Golden Apple Foundation was begun in 1989 to address the urgent need for resilient and creative teachers serving economically disadvantaged students; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Apple Foundation through the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program; supports scholars while they pursue an undergraduate education at one of 35 Illinois universities; provides them with financial assistance for college, and arguments their teacher preparation; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars pledge to teach for five years in an Illinois school of need; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars conclude their undergraduate preparation with more than three times the classroom experience than that of traditionally prepared beginning teachers; and

WHEREAS, they attend four Summer Institutes that provide extensive pre-student teaching by award-winning Golden Apple teachers; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars experience the challenge and triumph of teaching in a high-needs setting, put coursework theories into practice, experience teaching situations in different subject and grade levels, and receive support and feedback from veteran teachers and fellow scholars; and

WHEREAS, candidates to receive Golden Apple scholarships wrote seven essays, achieved a score no less than 18 on the ACT, maintained at least a 2.5 GPA, and have evidenced a passion to make a difference in the lives of children by committing themselves to becoming future teachers; and

WHEREAS, Michael Briede; Ebony Carter; Christina Delgado; Leticia Gallardo; Christine Garcia; Jehan Glass; Ana Gordillo; Jessica Herrera; Charmane Hunter; Ryan Jett; Thereane Johnson; Jamal Jordan; Miriam Lopez; Mayra Manzo; Wanda Mendoza; Joel Munoz; Helda Orozco; Chamique Outlaw; Javier Payano; Illiana Roman; LaJoi Royston; Taneisha Stevenson; Juan Tinoco; Gabriella Tiscareno; Anita Unzueta; Alca Usan; Janet Villanueva; Maquesha Ward; Wan Hua Zhang; Genevieve Zollicoffer, have successfully fulfilled all prerequisites and have been recognized as 2006 Golden Apple Scholars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 28th day of June 2006, congratulate the 2006 Chicago Public Schools Golden Apple scholarship recipients, their schools, teachers, and administration. Congratulations are also extended to the parents of these students for their supportive role in the students' accomplishments.