

RESOLUTION RE: THE 2005-2006 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARS

WHEREAS, the National Achievement® Scholarship Program annually recognizes scholastically talented Black American youth as National Achievement Scholars; and

WHEREAS, 1,600 students nationwide and 42 Chicago Public Schools students were selected as national achievement semifinalists based on initial Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT), which served as an initial screening of the more than 130,000 students nationwide; and

WHEREAS, of the 800 students selected as national achievement scholar finalists in Spring 2006, 12 attend a Chicago public school; 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 recognized as National Achievement Scholar Program Finalist: Brandon Hamilton of Morgan Park High School and Janel C. Bailey, Veronica A. Bowen and Brett Strickland of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School; and

WHEREAS, the following Chicago Public Schools students were selected as National Achievement Scholars and awarded a \$2500 scholarship to the university or college of their choice: Precious A. Edmonds of Lane Technical High School, Corinne N. Charity, Emily H. Harris and Stefon E. Kern of Walter Payton College Preparatory High School, Roger G. Waite of Lincoln Park High School, and Roderick G. Baker, Akilah S. Terry and Bradford R. Williams of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School; and

WHEREAS, these students' dedication to academic achievement and scholarly pursuits is commendable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 28th day of June 2006, congratulate the national achievement 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.