

**RESOLUTION HONORING JACK HARNEDY, OFFICER
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT**

WHEREAS, after 34 years of faithful and dedicated service, Jack Harnedy is retiring from the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS"); and

WHEREAS, Jack Harnedy received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Loyola University, and a Master of Arts Degree in Urban Teacher Education/Mathematics from Governors State University; and

WHEREAS, Jack Harnedy began his career with the Chicago Public Schools as a mathematics teacher at the Betsy Ross Elementary School. During his six years as a teacher at Betsy Ross, Jack Harnedy developed the open corridor approach to learning; and

WHEREAS, Jack Harnedy spent the next 10 years with the CPS as a teacher at the Goodlow Magnet School, where he designed and implemented the eclectic ECIA computer mathematics lab, and served as site supervisor for the Mayor's Youth Program high school tutors and summer reading and mathematics programs; and

WHEREAS, Jack Harnedy served for one year as Mathematics Coordinator in District 15, where he developed a district-wide monitoring plan and created a district computer network for teachers; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Jack Harnedy joined the Department of Equal Educational Opportunity Programs as a Desegregation Implementation Coordinator, where he worked tirelessly to apprise parents and students of the educational options available, provide assistance in securing student transportation services to magnet schools and programs, conduct presentations at preschools, day care centers, park district facilities, and assist principals in the recruitment and selection of students. In 1998, Jack Harnedy became program manager of the department, where he coordinated and supervised all computerized lotteries, coordinated training for principals and clerks, and generated data for reporting to the federal court and the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Jack Harnedy was named Officer of the Office of Academic Enhancement in 2001, drawing on his decades of past experience to oversee magnet schools, magnet cluster schools, open enrollment schools, and schools for academically advanced students, including selective enrollment high schools, regional gifted centers, and classical schools. During his term as Officer, he headed the development of proposals that resulted in more than \$30 million in grants for the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, as Officer, Jack Harnedy provided leadership for the program marketing, application, selection, and notification process for more than 500 schools citywide, generating approximately 140,000 applications from students each year; and

WHEREAS, Jack Harnedy is recognized for his commitment to educational equity for all children and ensuring that all students have equal access to quality programs, regardless of their race or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, Jack Harnedy is known as a man of action, a trouble-shooter, and a caring and determined advocate for students and their parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 24th day of January, 2007, do hereby extend to Jack Harnedy our thanks for his service and offer our most sincere gratitude for his contributions to the school system and the children of the City of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Mr. Jack Harnedy.