

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL W. SCOTT,
PRESIDENT CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, Michael W. Scott, a dedicated public servant and recognized civic leader in the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois, passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Scott demonstrated his unwavering commitment to numerous children and families of the City of Chicago and to the many principals, teachers, administrators and other staff of the Chicago Public Schools through his service on the Board of Education of the City of Chicago for more than seven years under the following mayoral appointments:

- Michael W. Scott was appointed to serve as a member of the Chicago Board of Education in 1980 by the Honorable Mayor Jane M. Byrne; and
- Michael W. Scott was appointed to serve as President of the Chicago Board of Education in June of 2001 by the Honorable Mayor Richard M. Daley; and
- After resigning from the post in 2006, Michael W. Scott was again appointed to serve as President of the Chicago Board of Education in February of 2009 by the Honorable Mayor Richard M. Daley; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Scott's accomplishments during his tenure also include the Back-to-School Campaign, which resulted in record high first-day attendance for the school system; the Ballroom Dance Initiative, which provided hundreds of elementary school students more exposure to dance, music, character education and other cultures; the Chicago Board of Education College Textbook Scholarship, which over years has awarded over 300 scholarships to graduating seniors, and the Power of Parents Initiative, where thousands of parents receive information and participate in workshops on how to help their children educationally; and

WHEREAS, during his many years of service at the Board of Education, in addition to providing invaluable guidance and leadership with respect to the fiscal, operational and educational aspects of the Chicago Public Schools, Michael W. Scott worked relentlessly to improve the educational opportunities for millions of children in the City of Chicago by leading the district in its goal to become the best public school system in the country; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Scott had a transformative impact on the Chicago Public School system, providing leadership and guidance which has greatly contributed to the national recognition of the Chicago Public Schools as a model for education reform throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Scott served on the Board of Education of the City of Chicago faithfully, devoting many hours of his time to Chicago Public Schools and to the children and families of Chicago, for which he will always be remembered and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Scott will also be forever remembered as a unique public servant who listened thoughtfully to constituents' issues and worked collaboratively toward solutions, a reflection of his sincere compassion and personal interest in helping all people achieve a better quality of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, on behalf of the Chicago Public Schools, on this 16th day of December 2009, do hereby extend to the family of Michael W. Scott our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere gratitude for the innumerable contributions and personal sacrifices that Michael W. Scott made to the children, parents and school communities of the Chicago Public Schools and the City of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Memorial Resolution be made available to the family of Michael W. Scott.