

October 24, 2012

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING GENE R. SAFFOLD
FORMER CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER**

WHEREAS, after over 30 years of faithful and dedicated service in the private sector, Gene R. Saffold passed away on October 8, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Gene R. Saffold was appointed to serve as a member of the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees in July, 1995, by the Honorable Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley, and in July, 1999, was reappointed as a member of the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, he also served as a Trustee of the Public School Teachers' and Retirement Fund of Chicago, a member of the Board for National School Boards Association – Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE), a Finance Academy Advisor; and as Mayor Richard M. Daley's Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Board of Education adopted several major policies to restore quality education to the Chicago Public Schools, including an earned promotion policy, a bilingual education policy, a comprehensive education plan, a revised magnet school policy and expanded program, and new high school graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, he provided leadership in an effort to restore financial, managerial and academic credibility to the Chicago Public Schools, enabling the district to raise funding for school construction, to obtain labor cooperation and a record of significant academic improvement; and

WHEREAS, Gene R. Saffold served on the Board without compensation, devoting many hours of his time to Chicago's public schools and to the children of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Gene R. Saffold will be remembered as a leader, mentor, friend, and loving father; and

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 October 2012, do hereby extend to the family of Gene R. Saffold our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere gratitude for his many contributions to the education, welfare and development of the children of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Memorial Resolution is made available to the family of Gene R. Saffold.