

August 22, 2018

**RESOLUTION HONORING KAREN LEWIS  
NATIONALLY BOARD CERTIFIED CPS TEACHER, STUDENT ADVOCATE AND  
CHICAGO TEACHERS UNION PRESIDENT**

**WHEREAS**, after serving the Chicago Public Schools for 22 years with faithful service and dedication, Karen Lewis will retire from the Chicago Public Schools;

**WHEREAS**, Karen comes from a family of educators: her father, mother and husband, John Lewis, were all Chicago Public School teachers;

**WHEREAS**, Karen is a product of Chicago Public Schools, having attended Kozminski Elementary School and Kenwood High School, until accepting early admission at Mount Holyoke College;

**WHEREAS**, Karen transferred to Dartmouth College, where she earned the distinction of being the only African American woman in the class of 1974;

**WHEREAS**, Karen was a Chemistry teacher for many years at Sullivan High School, Lane Technical High School, and King College Prep High School;

**WHEREAS**, Karen achieved the distinguished National Board Certification in 2002, and renewed her National Board Certification in 2012;

**WHEREAS**, since July 1, 2010, Karen has served as president of the 30,000-member Chicago Teachers Union, executive vice president to the Illinois Federation of Teachers and vice president of the American Federation of Teachers;

**WHEREAS**, in her role as a labor leader, Karen has become a nationally recognized and respected for her acumen as a labor leader and for her passionate and tireless advocacy on behalf of disadvantaged students and her work for and dedication to CPS teachers and paraprofessional staff; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2018, do hereby adopt this resolution as a sign of our admiration and respect for Karen Lewis for her work as an educator, labor leader and advocate and as a sign of our gratitude for her contributions to the education of the children of Chicago and the work of Chicago Public Schools teachers and paraprofessionals..

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Karen Lewis.