

August 25, 2004

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING DR. BARBARA SIZEMORE**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Barbara Sizemore, a distinguished and highly recognized educator, passed away on Saturday, July 24, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Barbara Sizemore was born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in Terre Haute, Indiana and earned both a bachelor's degree in classical languages and master's degree in elementary education from Northwestern University. She received a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in educational administration in 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sizemore worked for the Chicago Public Schools as a teacher and administrator for 25 years with faithful dedication and devotion, and

**WHEREAS**, after leaving Chicago Public Schools, Dr. Barbara Sizemore continued to serve as a pioneer in public school education, becoming the first African American superintendent in the nation when she was selected to oversee the district of D.C. schools in 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1992, Dr. Sizemore returned to Chicago to serve as Dean of the School of Education at DePaul University. At DePaul, she was instrumental in developing new models to help accelerate achievement and education excellence in underachieving schools and districts; and

**WHEREAS**, after her formal retirement, Dr. Sizemore continued to be a leading figure in education, lecturing to thousands of educators and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sizemore authored numerous articles and journals on issues surrounding equality in education; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Barbara Sizemore will be remembered as an educator, leader, mentor and pioneer; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sizemore's commitment and tireless efforts on behalf of countless public school students and especially the children of Chicago has been invaluable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004, do hereby extend to the family of Barbara Sizemore our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere gratitude for Barbara Sizemore's contributions to the education and safety of the children of Chicago.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Memorial Resolution be made available to the family of Dr. Barbara Sizemore.