



City of Chicago



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Meeting Date:	7/29/2015
Sponsor(s):	Villegas (36)
Type:	Resolution
Title:	Congratulations extended to Kenneth L. Hunter for dedicated service with Chicago Public Schools and honorary street designation as "Kenneth L. Hunter Way"
Committee(s) Assignment:	

WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Hunter, graduated from Loyola University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1975, University of Chicago with a Masters of Arts in 1984, a Certificate of Advanced Studies from the University of Chicago in 1989 and began his PhD. Studies in 1994 until the present, and

Whereas, Ken Hunter served as Acting Principal at Transfiguration School in Wauconda from 1987-1988, was Curriculum Director for Notre Dame High School in Niles from 1988-1995, was Assistant Principal at Amundsen High School from 1995-1988, and became an Administrator for the CPS Reading Improvement Team from 1998-1999, was a Launch Fellow from 1999-2000, served as Administer in Residence for the Illinois State Board of Education in 2000, became the Assistant Director for the Chicago Public Schools Re-Engineering Program from 2000-2003 and

Whereas, in 2003 Kenneth L Hunter was hired for the position of Principal for the Prosser Career Academy in Chicago, he collaboratively developed programs that have:

- Designed and implemented International Baccalaureate Career Certificate Program
- Trebled the number of International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement offerings
- Increased student PSAT scores in all tested areas
- Enhanced professional development opportunities for faculty
- Revitalized student leadership and student activities
- Redesigned service learning program to become a model for CPS
- Developed theater program, choir program and 'enrichment summer curriculum'
- Redesigned Guidance and Counseling department as "Student Services: division of High School
- Recognized twice by Chicago Public Schools Service Learning Initiative as "Principal of the Year"; by Illinois Counselor Association as 'Administrator of the Year', by Steppenwolf Theater as "Principal of the Year"; by Steppenwolf Theater as "Principal of the Year"; by MetLife as "Principal/Ambassador of Learning", and

Whereas, he sat on many committees such as:

- Chairman, Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) "Language Arts Assessment Advisory Council" (2001-present)
- Member, ISBE "State Testing Review Committee" (2005-present)
- Vice President, High School Principals and Administrators Association (1998), and


Whereas, Mr. Hunter, while at Prosser served on various Boards which included, Steppenwolf Committee for the Public Square from 2005-present, Brookfield Zoo's Level of Engagement Board, 2007-present, Chicago Art Institute Teacher Advisory Panel from 2005-present, Birmingham Sister Cities Committee from 2005-present and is Chairman of the Board of Global Visions Productions from 2011-present, during which he was Executive Producer of the Award Winning Documentary, "Love is a Verb" and participated and helped design the capitol campaign that raised \$500k to complete the film and coordinated and approved the distribution plan for marketing the documentary, and

Whereas, in March 2015 Mr. Hunter tendered his resignation for health issues as Principal of Prosser after nearly 12 years as the Educational Leader at Prosser, and, while at Prosser Mr. Hunter thought "outside of the box" to ensure that the students of Prosser had an updated and innovated environment to learn in with all of the tools that they needed and always thought about the way to best serve the students to instill in them traits such as Love, Respect, Trust and Leadership, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That North Long Avenue, from Palmer Street to West Grand Avenue be named the Kenneth L. Hunter Way, and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor of the City of Chicago and members of the City Council, gathered this twenty ninth day of July, 2015, take this opportunity to recognize the years of service that Mr. Hunter has provided to the many young people and adults that he came in contact with, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of the resolution be prepared and presented to Mr. Hunter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gilbert Villegas', written over a horizontal line.

Gilbert Villegas
Alderman, 36th Ward