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Committee(s) Assignment:	

RECOGNITION OF DR. RICHARD G. SMITH

Whereas, Dr. Richard G. Smith attended Northern Illinois University, obtained his Master's Degree in Education from National Louis University, and earned his Doctorate of Education Degree from Northern Illinois University before beginning his career with the Chicago Public Schools, and;

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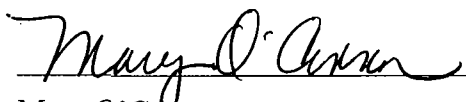
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Be it further resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Richard G. Smith.



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