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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

July 26, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning Denise Little on the occasion of her retirement from the Chicago Public Schools.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, Because children are our future, a high quality education is an essential cornerstone for a robust city; and

**WHEREAS**, No one is more deserving of our admiration and respect than extraordinary teachers, who give generously of themselves each day to educate and inspire our children; and

**WHEREAS**, For over forty years, Denise Little has helped shape the lives of thousands of Chicago Public School students; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the course of her career, Denise has held teaching and administrative positions with the Chicago Public Schools, including Hope, Cooper, Ryerson, Frazier, Bontemps, and Hefferan schools. After serving as principal of Hefferan school for over 13 years, Denise became an Area Instruction Officer, and was later promoted to Chief Area Officer, Chief of Schools (Elementary), Chief of Network Quality – Networks Support Office, Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer, with the Chief of Staff Office, and finally Chief Operating Officer in the Executive Office; and

**WHEREAS**, As a daughter of a Chicago Public School teacher, and the product of the Chicago Public Schools, Denise emphasized the power of a strong public school system to be the vehicle for student success; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise holds an M.A. from Roosevelt University, and has received extensive training through both the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and Harvard University's Public Education Leadership Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Whether in the classroom or in administration, Denise remained, first and foremost, a teacher who was known for her high expectations for both her students and the adults who serve them; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise's belief in strong teamwork, a clear focus, and a commitment to high expectations led to the change management process that holds schools accountable for maintaining high standards and implementing a strong instructional program that prepares all students for life, higher education, career and citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, After dedicating her career to the future of Chicago's children, Denise will soon be retiring; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise will always be remembered as someone who was passionate about children, who pushed for students and parents who do not have a voice, and who always believed that our students can and will meet and exceed the high expectations we hold for them; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-sixth day of July, 2017, do hereby honor Denise Little for her exemplary service with Chicago Public Schools, we applaud her for her invaluable contributions to the education of Chicago's children, and do hereby offer our warmest and best wishes for a well-deserved and happy retirement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Denise Little as a token of our appreciation and esteem.