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*CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO JOYCE NAKAMURA ON RETIREMENT AS
PRINCIPAL OF STONE SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY.*

WHEREAS, Joyce Nakamura, is retiring as Principal of Stone Scholastic Academy, after thirty-five years of service with the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Nakamura, has vast experience in special education as a homebound teacher prior to her working eleven years as an assistant principal and six years as principal of Stone Scholastic Academy; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Nakamura, was one of the first principals to implement the Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching for teacher observation and evaluation, helping to improve teaching and learning at Stone Scholastic Academy; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Nakamura, wife of Terrance Abbruscato, mother of Matthew and Mark, has provided Stone Scholastic Academy with a rigorous curriculum with high expectations, technology, after school programs, world language, and evening programs which resulted in many more applicants than the selective enrollment elementary school could accept; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Nakamura, has effectively helped Stone Scholastic Academy move forward under her strong leadership; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Nakamura, has worked constantly to resolve issues and concerns in a timely manner with honesty and integrity, willingly offering guidance and assistance regarding staff, curriculum, professional development and programs; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Nakamura, has initiated programs over the years that have addressed the needs of all her students from Kindergarten to 8th grade in special education, general education and gifted programs while her leadership helped standardized scores move forward; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Nakamura, has provided support and congeniality to her peers as one of the many principals in Area 2; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Nakamura, has been able to work with a wide range of principals and schools throughout the City of Chicago, when in 2007, Stone Scholastic Academy was given the opportunity to be in Area 54 - Autonomous Management Performance School (AMPS), providing more insight into the variety of Schools in the Chicago Public School system; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Nakamura, is a thoughtful, pragmatic person who will be able to mentor and guide new principals with compassion and knowledge as they navigate their first year in the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The leaders of this great City of Chicago are cognizant of the great debt owed our educators; now therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this sixth day of July, 2011, do hereby express our gratitude and heartiest

congratulations to Joyce Nakamura as she retires and we extend to this fine citizen our very best wishes for continuing success and fulfillment; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Joyce Nakamura.

Margaret Laurino

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Alderman, 39th Ward

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