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Congratulations extended to Dr. Joyce Kenner on retirement from Whitney Young High School

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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**LORI E. LIGHTFOOT**  
MAYOR

September 21, 2022

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen O'Shea, Cappleman, Ramirez-Rosa, Rodriguez, Burnett, Villegas, Napolitano, Mitts, Ervin, Brookins, Dowell, Tunney, Hadden, Silverstein, Sadlowski-Garza, King, Vasquez, Reilly, Gardiner, Lee and Martin, a resolution honoring Dr. Joyce Kenner, Whitney Young High School principal, upon her retirement.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mayor

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of her leadership and appreciation of her tireless work mentoring an untold number of students, faculty and staff, the Members of this Chamber are pleased to congratulate Dr. Joyce D. Kenner, on the occasion of her retirement as Principal and CEO of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School; and

**WHEREAS**, A Dayton, Ohio, native, Dr. Kenner holds degrees from Ohio University and Loyola University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenner studied physical education, and started her Chicago career working for the Rev. Jesse Jackson's Operation PUSH as the organization's deputy education director before she moved to Chicago Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenner has become synonymous with Whitney Young High School, where she served as Principal for 27 years and as Vice Principal for 5 years before that; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenner has served in the administration for 32 of the 47 years that Whitney Young High School has been in existence, a job she called, "a dream job for any educator"; and

**WHEREAS**, During Dr. Kenner's tenure as only the third Principal in Whitney Young's history, Whitney Young has been awarded countless academic awards, including being named a National Blue Ribbon School and being consistently listed as one of US News and World Reports Best High Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenner has built Whitney Young Magnet High School into not just an academic powerhouse, but an extracurricular hub as well, that offers over 100 clubs and 19 sports; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Dr. Kenner's leadership, the Whitney Young Dolphins have won championships in basketball, chess, the academic decathlon, golf, swimming, tennis, band, orchestra, choir and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenner retired as Principal and CEO of Whitney Young Magnet High School at the end of 2021-22 school year, after a distinguished career helping Chicago youth to become the leaders of tomorrow; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-first day of September, 2022, do hereby congratulate Dr. Joyce D. Kenner on the occasion of her retirement; express to her our heartfelt gratitude for her exemplary service to the residents of our great City; and extend to her our best wishes for continued health, happiness, prosperity, and success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Joyce D. Kenner as a sign of our appreciation and esteem.