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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen O'Shea, Capplemann, King, Dowell, Osterman, Cardenas, Silverstein, Ervin, Gardiner, Reilly, Sposato, Smith, Moore, Sadlowski Garza, Burnett, Tunney, Curtis and Nugent, a resolution congratulating Dr. Janice K. Jackson on the occasion of her resignation as CEO of Chicago Public Schools.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber are pleased to congratulate Dr. Janice K. Jackson on the occasion of her resignation as CEO of Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was born and raised in Chicago. She developed her love of education at an early age when she was enrolled in a Chicago Public Schools Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Hyde Park High School, Dr. Jackson received a bachelor's degree in

Education and History and a master's degree in Education from Chicago State University; and a master's degree in Leadership and Administration and a doctorate degree in Policy Studies and Educational Leadership at the University of Illinois Chicago; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Dr. Jackson began her career with Chicago Public Schools as a social studies teacher and debate team coach at South Shore High School; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of her twenty-two year career with Chicago Public Schools, Dr. Jackson served as principal at Al Raby High School and George Westinghouse College Preparatory High School, as Community Network Chief of Schools in the Bronzeville, Hyde Park and Woodlawn neighborhoods, and as Chief Education Officer for the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was instrumental in designing and opening Al Raby High School in East Garfield Park and in opening George Westinghouse College Preparatory High School in East Garfield Park; and

WHEREAS, Widely admired for her strong record of community involvement, Dr. Jackson serves on the boards of Chiefs for Change, Junior Achievement of Chicago, Thrive Chicago, the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, and Council of the Great City Schools; and

WHEREAS, The many accolades that Dr. Jackson has received for her achievements include the Servant Leadership Award from Chicago State University; Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Illinois Chicago's College of Education; Leaders to Learn From Award from Education Week; Outstanding Achievement Award from the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and Citizenship Education Fund; Debate Principal Award from the Chicago Debate League; and a Woman Making History Award from the National Council of Negro Women Chicago-Midwest Section; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Dr. Jackson was named by the Chicago Board of Education as CEO of Chicago Public Schools. The first-ever Chicago Public Schools alumna to hold this position, Dr. Jackson led the third-largest school district in the country and oversaw an annual budget of \$7 billion; and

WHEREAS, During Dr. Jackson's tenure as CEO of Chicago Public Schools, students made record-breaking improvements in academic achievement, and high school and post-secondary graduation rates significantly increased; and

WHEREAS, Among her many accomplishments as CEO of Chicago Public Schools, Dr. Jackson and her staff created and oversaw the Chicago Public Schools Office of Equity, increased access to full-day early childhood education, and established the Englewood STEM High School and Bronzeville Classical Elementary School in historically underserved neighborhoods; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fourteenth day of September, 2021, do hereby express our gratitude to Dr. Janice K. Jackson for her leadership and for her many years of outstanding service to the residents of Chicago, 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. Jackson as a token of our appreciation and esteem.