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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, 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.

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.