

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of Illinois**

**RESOLUTION
PROFESSOR ISABELLE BÉLANCE**

WHEREAS, Professor Isabelle Béance began her life as the infant daughter of the famous Haitian Poet Rene Béance only to escape political unrest in her native country to find comfort in Quebec City and New England in her early years;



WHEREAS, Professor Béance began her educational journey at McGill University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a licentiate in piano performance, and continued her journey at Duke University where she was awarded a Master of Arts in Music and was ABD in Musicology;

WHEREAS, Professor Béance continued her life-long learning in pursuit of excellence in pedagogy at Loyola University of Chicago where she earned a Certificate in Community College Teaching and Learning, and later studied On-Line Learning at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and Elementary Education at National-Lewis University;

WHEREAS, Professor Béance taught graduate and undergraduate courses at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign's School of Music as a full-time member of the faculty after teaching as a visiting lecturer at St. Lawrence University. She also was a graduate instructor and teaching assistant at Duke University, and was a full-time faculty member at the Hartwick College Music Camp;

WHEREAS, Professor Béance's service to Harold Washington College and the City Colleges of Chicago began in 2003 when she was hired as an instructor in the Department of the Humanities. She distinguished herself during her career at City Colleges of Chicago in the following capacities: tenured faculty member, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of Harold Washington College's Music Program, Employee of the Month in February of 2005, Chair of the Rank and Promotion Committee Sub-Committee Chair for Accreditation 2009, Co-Chair of the Harold Washington College Social Committee, Founding Member of the Latin-American and Latino Studies Committee, and as a member of the Graduation, Women's Studies, Cross-Disciplinary Outcomes, Memorial Service, Honors, and the Associate Arts in Teaching Committees;

WHEREAS, Professor Béance's service to Harold Washington College and the City Colleges of Chicago continued as the Program Developer of the Associate in Fine Arts in Music Performance and Associate in Fine Arts in Music Education at Harold Washington College and the City Colleges of Chicago. She also developed two courses: Music 211 and Music 212 (Aural and Keyboard Skills 3 and 4), which are currently taught throughout the District;

WHEREAS, Professor Bélance served the students of Harold Washington College as Faculty Advisor of *Groove* (the Music Club), Coordinator of a partnership program with Chicago State University to facilitate student transfer, and Recruiter for Harold Washington College's Music Program;

WHEREAS, Professor Bélance served Harold Washington College for two years as Vice-President and elected member of the Harold Washington College Faculty Council, and served the City Colleges of Chicago for two years as Co-Vice-President and elected member of the City Colleges of Chicago District-Wide Faculty Council, helping thousands of students, faculty, administrators, and staff to realize the mission of the City Colleges of Chicago;

WHEREAS, Professor Bélance served Harold Washington College as a Solo Pianist and Accompanist at countless events including the Re-Dedication of Harold Washington College and the Annual Harold Washington Birthday Celebration;

WHEREAS, Professor Bélance performed classical recitals and a cappella repertoire with the Duke University Collegium Musicum and the Concert Choir at McGill University among many other ensembles, she recently performed on the stage of the legendary Liverpool birthplace of the Beatles, the Cavern Club, with her band, the Cavern Kittens;

WHEREAS, Professor Bélance was a member of the College Music Society, the American Musicological Society, the Sigismund Thalberg Society, the DuSable Heritage Society, and HOPE (Haiti's Opportunity for Primary Education);

WHEREAS, the Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students of Harold Washington College, and the City Colleges of Chicago wish to express their sincere sympathy to the family of Professor Isabelle Bélance;

WHEREAS, our love and concern for all who knew her and whose lives she touched entreat us to express our profound gratitude for her service and dedication and to give thanks for the presence of Professor Isabelle Bélance: her energy, her integrity, her compassion, her sincerity, her friendship, and her contributions. We are eternally thankful for her complete and unswerving love for and loyalty to the students of the City Colleges of Chicago.

WHEREAS, that a copy of this resolution will be given to the family and a copy will be kept in the files of Harold Washington College.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, gathered here on the fourteenth day of July do hereby celebrate the life and accomplishments of Professor Isabelle Bélance and have initiated a scholarship fund for Chloe Aline King, the new-born daughter of Professor Isabelle Bélance and her husband, Greg King.

July 14, 2009

