RESOLUTION
ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF PRESIDENT JOHN R. WOZNIAK

WHEREAS, in January 2004, John R. Wozniak became the sixth President of Harold Washington College;

WHEREAS, Mr. Wozniak, a steady and long standing advocate for education, began his career as a high school social science instructor at a Chicago Catholic High School, later rising to Assistant Principal for Development;

WHEREAS, during the course of his highly distinguished career, Mr. Wozniak left a significant mark at other institutions of higher education, including the University of Illinois at Chicago’s College of Education, where he assisted in the establishment of the College of Education’s first Peer Group Advisory Program for graduate students and coordinated an Early Intervention Program designed to recruit and assist qualified minority students for the University of Illinois Health Career Program;

WHEREAS, in 1980, Mr. Wozniak became Assistant Director of the Training and Employability Program for Chicago City-Wide College, now known as Harold Washington College and held other positions, including Assistant Dean of the Public Service Institute, Dean of Continuing Education and ultimately serving as Interim President of Chicago City Wide College from July 1991 through January 1993; highlights of his career at Chicago City Wide College include the creation and implementation of the City of Chicago’s first mandated program for Taxi & Limousine Programs which is now one of the largest workforce development programs in the state of Illinois;

WHEREAS, in his roles as Dean of Off Campus Programs, Acting Vice President for Faculty and Instruction and Vice President of International and Non-Traditional Programs for Harold Washington College from 1993 to 1995, Mr. Wozniak enrolled over 15,000 students annually and was also a pioneer in distance learning through offering courses via internet, email, Teleweb and satellite for the Military Distance Learning Program;

WHEREAS, Mr. Wozniak demonstrated his understanding of the importance of private sector partnerships by leading the establishment and growth of Harold Washington College’s Business and Industry Training Division, an onsite Associate Degree program for employees of the University of Chicago Hospital and numerous other customized training programs for financial services, hospitality, public utilities and manufacturing businesses;

WHEREAS, Mr. Wozniak has been an active participant in numerous civic and community organizations for many years, including service on the Board of Directors for Queen of Angels School, Alvernia High School, the Hispanic Institute of Law Enforcement, and the National Taxi Training Task Force, as a member of the Executive Board of the Chicago Loop Alliance, the Illinois Community College Board’s Task Forces on International Education and Special Education, and as Chair of the Student Development Committee of the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents;

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Mr. Wozniak has served with great dedication by sharing his time, talents and passion for education with students and the community at large at Harold Washington College, helping to position the institution for its next phase of growth through pioneering initiatives and innovative leadership;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Chancellor and the Board of Trustees hereby recognize and commend President John R. Wozniak for his outstanding work, many noteworthy contributions and steadfast commitment to the goals and mission of the City Colleges of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Chancellor and the Board of Trustees extend deep appreciation to President John R. Wozniak for his many years of distinguished service, accept his retirement as President of Harold Washington College and wish him enduring success in the future.

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