

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF PRESIDENT GHINGO W. BROOKS**

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks, started his career with the District at Malcolm X College in 1978 as an Administrative Assistant after receiving an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Kennedy- King College in 1974, a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Illinois State University in 1977 and a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University in 1977; Mr. Brooks quickly rose through the ranks to hold several positions of increasing responsibility at Chicago City-Wide College, including Assessment Counselor, Associate Director and Director Cooperative Education Consortium;

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks also held positions as Director of Dawson Technical Institute, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor – Basic and Continuing Education and Dean of Student Services at Malcolm X College;

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks continued his passionate commitment to serving the students of Malcolm X College by becoming Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services in 1999, Vice President of Academic Affairs in 2006 and finally, President of Malcolm X College in August 2008;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as President of Malcolm X College, one of Mr. Brooks' highest priorities was to improve collaboration and team building with faculty, staff and administrators to advance student success;

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks has been an active participant in various civic and community organizations for many years, including Upward Bound, United Way, Henry Booth House Families with a Future and the 5th Congressional District Education Committee and has also received several awards for his distinguished service to the community, including the Purple Reflections Award from the National Council of Negro Women and the Kathy Osterman Superior Public Service Award; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Mr. Brooks has served with great dedication and has earned the admiration and respect of his students and colleagues for his commitment, professionalism and hard work;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Chancellor and the Board of Trustees take great pleasure in recognizing the professional achievements of President Ghingo W. Brooks and express sincere gratitude for the contributions he has made to furthering the goals and mission of the City Colleges of Chicago;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Chancellor and the Board of Trustees congratulate Mr. Brooks for a job exceptionally well done, accept his retirement as President of Malcolm X College and wish him continued lifelong success.

July 14, 2011