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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF DR. TIMUEL BLACK**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Black was a distinguished educator, community leader, and historian having devoted the last two decades of his professional career to the students, faculty and staff of City Colleges of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Black was born in Alabama, but raised in the historic Bronzeville community on Chicago's South Side, attending Burke Elementary School, DuSable High School, Roosevelt University and the University of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Black served honorably as a soldier in World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge receiving four Bronze Stars for his distinguished service and the prestigious Croix de Guerre with Palms for his heroic service on the beaches of Normandy; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Black was a leader in the civil rights movement, coordinating Chicagoans attending the March on Washington at the request of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and leading the Negro American Labor Council's Chicago chapter at the suggestion of A. Phillip Randolph, including a campaign to integrate the trade programs at the Chicago Board of Education's Washburne Trade School; and

**WHEREAS**, after serving as a Chicago Public Schools teacher, Dr. Black was appointed dean of Wright College in 1969; and and held several other roles at City Colleges over the next twenty years, including vice president for academic affairs at Olive-Harvey College, director and chairperson of community affairs, and a professor at Loop College which changed its name to Harold Washington College, in part due to Dr. Black's influence and advocacy, retiring in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Black personally influenced and mentored the careers of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mayor Harold Washington, and President Barack Obama, our country's 44<sup>th</sup> President, and he coined the phrase "plantation politics" in his fight to democratize the political process and achieve full participation of African-Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Black's book, *Bridges of Memory: Chicago's First Wave of Great Migration*, covers the history of Black Chicagoans during the 1920s to the present; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Black passed away at age 102 on October 13, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, City Colleges plans to honor Dr. Black's memory with a new scholarship supported by the City Colleges of Chicago Foundation. The Dr. Timuel Black Scholars Program will be offered at all seven colleges and will support adult learners with current and/or past community and civic engagement and those with aspirations to drive change in their communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Colleges of Chicago Board of Trustees honor Dr. Black and the Black family with this recognition in his memory.