

February 21, 2001

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**RESOLUTION RE: THE LATE GWENDOLYN BROOKS  
FORMER POET LAUREATE FOR THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Brooks was born in Topeka, Kansas, in 1917, and during that year was brought by her family to Chicago; and

WHEREAS, she was educated at Forestville Elementary School, Hyde Park, Wendell Phillips, and

Englewood high schools; and Wilson Junior College; and

WHEREAS, at 14 years old, she had her first poem published, and at 18 years of age, she was a

**WHEREAS**, the local school council of the Southside College Prep High School has voted for and petitioned the Chicago Board of Education to effect a school name change to the Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep High School at the Chicago Board of Education meeting on March 28, 2001;

**NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and Members of the Board of Education

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of the City of Chicago gathered here this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2001, commemorate both the literary and humanitarian achievements of the late Gwendolyn Brooks. To children all over the world, she leaves a legacy of hope, encouragement, artistic excellence, and the knowledge that one's dreams can be realized through diligence and perseverance.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Gwendolyn Brooks and to Southside College Prep High School.