

**RESOLUTION RE:
THE 2001-2002 GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS**

WHEREAS, the Golden Apple Foundation was begun in 1989 to address the urgent need for resilient and creative teachers serving economically and educationally disadvantaged students; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Apple Foundation, through the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program, supports scholars while they pursue an undergraduate education at one of 35 Illinois universities, provides them with financial assistance for college, and augments their teacher preparation; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars pledge to teach for five years in an Illinois school of high need; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars conclude their undergraduate preparation with more than three times the classroom experience than that of traditionally prepared beginning teachers; and

WHEREAS, scholars attend four Summer Institutes that provide extensive pre-student teaching by award-winning Golden Apple teachers; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars begin teaching internships in Chicago classrooms in the summer after high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars experience the challenge and triumph of teaching in a high-need setting, put coursework theories into practice, experience teaching situations in different subjects and grade levels, and receive support and feedback from veteran teachers and