

**RESOLUTION HONORING BARBARA EASON-WATKINS, ED. D  
CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins will retire from the Chicago Public Schools on June 30, 2010 after 35 years of faithful and dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Eason-Watkins received a Bachelor's Degree with honors in Elementary Education from the University of Michigan, a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Chicago State University, and a Doctorate in Education, with a specialty in Curriculum and Instruction, from Loyola University Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Eason-Watkins was appointed Chief Education Officer of the Chicago Public Schools in 2001; and

Mollison Elementary School where she served from 1985 until 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Eason-Watkins also served as the Principal at McCosh Elementary School (known today as Emmett Till Math & Science Elementary) from 1988 until 2001, and during her leadership at that school students meeting national norms increased 33% in math and 51% in reading. And in 2001, while Dr. Eason-Watkins was principal, McCosh had one of the highest ISAT scores among schools with more than 95% of the students eligible for free or reduced price lunch.

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