

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

of the City of Chicago gathered here this 21st 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.

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