

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING MERCEDES A. LAING

WHEREAS, Mercedes A. Laing, a dedicated and recognized civic leader in the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois, passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mercedes A. Laing received her bachelor's degree in History and Literature from Harvard-Radcliffe College in 1977 and her Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School in 1984, where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal; and

WHEREAS, Mercedes A. Laing joined the Chicago Public Schools in 2006 as Director of External

Affairs, overseeing internal and external communications and relationships for the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Chicago Public Schools, Mercedes A. Laing had over twenty years of law, government, business and nonprofit experience in the City of Chicago, serving in such capacities as the Urban Issues Director for United States Senator Paul Simon, the founding director of the World Trade Center Chicago Africa Trade Institute, the founder and CEO of Global Inc. and a partner at