



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly created Local
3 School Councils at each Chicago school that have unique
4 authority to evaluate and hire the school's principal, to help
5 develop and approve a school improvement plan, and to help
6 develop and approve a school budget; and

7 WHEREAS, Research indicates Local School Councils have
8 sustained a high level of active involvement in carrying out
9 legal obligations and in volunteering in the school; and

10 WHEREAS, Research indicates that one key ingredient of
11 Chicago schools with substantially improved student
12 achievement is an effective Local School Council; and

13 WHEREAS, Research indicates that Local School Councils
14 have made important direct contributions to increasing parent
15 and community involvement and increasing school safety; and

16 WHEREAS, Chicago's Local School Councils are a national
17 model for grassroots democratic decision-making; and

18 WHEREAS, The biannual election for Local School Councils
19 will take place on April 21 and April 22, 2004, and the
20 deadline for candidate applications is March 17, 2004;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
24 commend Chicago Local School Council members for their
25 sustained hard work and exemplary accomplishments, which are
26 often unrecognized; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That we urge eligible parents, community
28 members, teachers, and students to run for their Local School

1 Councils; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we will undertake initiatives in our own
3 communities to encourage individuals to run for their Local
4 School Councils.