RESOLUTION RE: LINDA SMENTEK 2001 TECHNOLOGY EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDEE

WHEREAS, the Illinois Computing Educators ("ICE") and AT&T Corporation have named Linda Smentek the 2001 Technology Educator of the year; and

WHEREAS, this award is given to those teachers who have shown a commitment to utilizing technology to enhance teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, since joining Hayt Elementary School in Chicago's Edgewater community, Linda Smentek has totally rebuilt and equipped the computer lab used by students in grades 2 through 5; and

WHEREAS, Linda Smentek initiated a program that has successfully involved teachers and students in curriculum-based projects and improved communication with parents and other members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Linda Smentek also oversaw the implementation of an experimental new program in the pre-kindergarten classes using the "Computers for Tots Program"; and

WHEREAS, Linda Smentek continues to implement innovative programs through technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 27th day of June 2001, commend Linda Smentek for her commitment to educational excellence and extend to her our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued success.