

Resolution

WHEREAS June C. Porter has faithfully served Literacy Chicago and its predecessor organization the Chicago Literacy Council in multiple roles including tutor advisor, student advisor, educator, director of adult literacy, and all around go-to-person; and

WHEREAS in her fulfillment of these roles she was a motivating force for her tutors, students, staff, and everyone else who came in contact with her and,

Whereas it was widely known that June Porter's commitment to adult literacy focused first and foremost on the student and their accomplishments; and,

Whereas in the Literacy Volunteers network the focus was on the student and the organizational chart showed the student to be on top; and,

Whereas June Porter's commitment to students extended well beyond Literacy Chicago impacting both the New Readers for New Life organization, of which she was a staunch supporter and the Literacy Volunteers of Illinois whose Executive Director often called upon her for advice and assistance on a variety of endeavors, especially those related to student leadership and success; and,

WHEREAS it was with more than a hint of sadness that we learned last year that after a 29-year post-retirement run in adult literacy June Porter was retiring from her position with Literacy Chicago; and,

WHEREAS we find her retirement to be a fitting time to recognize her legacy with the establishment of a student award named in her honor; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby establish the June C. Porter "Student is at the Top" Award to be presented annually at the On the Road to Literacy Conference to an adult literacy student who best exemplifies June Porter's commitment to personal excellence and cause; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recognize Harold Barnes as the first recipient of the June C. Porter Student is at the Top Award.

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