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Title:	Congratulations extended to Earle STEM Elementary School All-Girls Chess Team on national championship victory
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION HONORING EARLE STEM ALL-GIRLS CHESS TEAM

WHEREAS, The Earle STEM Elementary School, located in the 16thth Ward on Chicago's great South Side, has one of the top all-girls elementary school chess teams in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Earle STEM Elementary School All-Girls Chess Team was organized only in September 2015 when Coach Joseph M. Ocol joined the Earle STEM faculty. The team has had the complete support of Network 11 Chief Megan Hougard, the Earle STEM school administration led by Principal Cederall Petties and Assistant Principal Elwanda Butler, and the Local School Council; and

WHEREAS, in mid-April the team took 5th place at the National Junior High School Championship in Indianapolis competing against 2,000 other students; and

WHEREAS, then the team participated in the Under 16 Division in the All-Girls National Chess Tournament in Chicago sponsored by the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation. Earle Stem competed against 64 other teams and was one of only two African-American teams in the tournament. The Earle Stem team won the tournament, bringing the school its first national championship; and

WHEREAS, the members of the All-Girls Team are Tamya Fultz (6th Grade), Breanna Shaw (8th Grade), Monique Williams (8th Grade), Angelique Wilson (8th Grade) and Gelita Woodlow (8th Grade); and

WHEREAS, the Earle Stem All-Girls Team may have the opportunity to meet with President Barack Obama in the White House. The team has established a Go Fund Me page to help with trip expenses and has raised over \$15,000 of its \$17,000 goal; now, therefore,

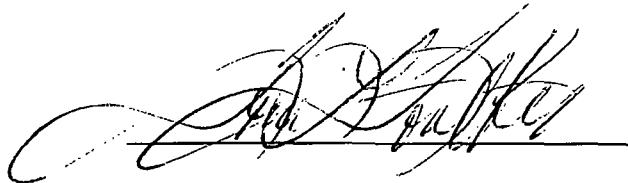
BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the Members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled here this 18th day of May, 2016, relay our warmest congratulations, commendation and appreciation to the Earle STEM All-Girls Chess Team, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this Resolution shall be prepared and presented to the Earle STEM All-Girls Chess Team.

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