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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

June 27, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Brookins and Smith, a congratulatory resolution concerning Posse Scholars and Gates Scholars.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by Aldermen Howard Brookins, Jr., Michele Smith and Mayor Rahm Emanuel on June 27, 2018

Whereas, Financial barriers keep many high-achieving, intelligent, and hard-working students from attending college; and

WHEREAS, To help overcome these barriers, the Posse Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential through post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, The Posse Foundation provides educational opportunities for these students, who may have been overlooked in traditional college selection processes; and

WHEREAS, The Posse Foundation identifies, recruits and trains student leaders nominated by their high school to form multicultural teams called "Posses," consisting of 10 to 12 Posse Scholars; and

WHEREAS, Posse Scholars undergo an intensive, eight-month, pre-collegiate training program to prepare them for enrollment at prestigious colleges and universities nationwide, in a welcoming campus environment that promotes understanding, collaboration and cross-cultural communication; and

WHEREAS, The Posse Foundation partners with top-tier colleges and universities to provide each Posse Scholar with a four-year, full-tuition, leadership scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Since the Posse Foundation was established in 1989, its educational partners have awarded \$1.2 billion in scholarships to students nationwide, and \$211.7 million in scholarships to Chicago students; and

WHEREAS, Through its collaboration with CPS, this year the Posse Foundation selected 97 extraordinarily qualified Chicago Public High School students to become Posse Scholars. These students will continue to pursue excellence at twelve top-tier colleges and universities across the Country; and

WHEREAS, The Gates Scholarship is the latest effort by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help low-income, high-achieving minority students pay for college; and

WHEREAS, The Gates Scholarship, open to high school seniors, seeks to cultivate a new generation of leaders by promoting academic excellence through college graduation, and by enabling accomplished individuals to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, The Gates Scholarship is awarded each year to 300 minority students, who are selected from a diverse and competitive national applicant pool, based on their academic record, leadership ability, personal success skills, and a variety of other criteria, including essays, recommendations and interviews for 600 finalists; and

WHEREAS, This year, five Chicago Public High School students were selected to receive The Gates Scholarship. These enormously talented students will continue to pursue excellence at top universities; and

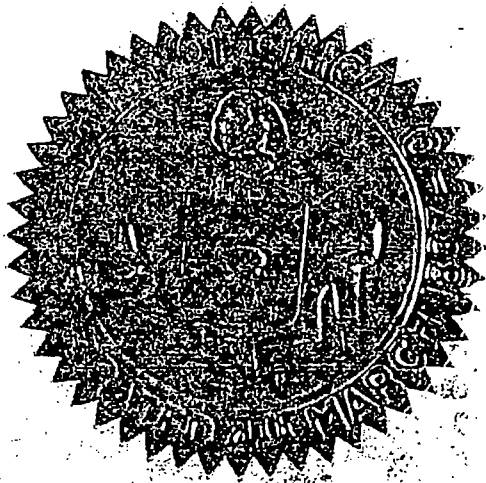
WHEREAS, All of Chicago is tremendously proud of the hard work and dedication of its Posse Scholars and of this year's recipients of The Gates Scholarship. They are the future of Chicago; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-seventh day of June, 2018, do hereby congratulate the following Chicago Public School students named Posse Scholars: Carolina Barrera, North-Grand High School; Isabel Gaspar, Noble Street College Prep; Megha Hans, Mather High School; Nneka Jones, George Westinghouse College Prep High School; R're'L Jones, Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy; Esmeralda Lagunas, Alcott College Prep; Samantha Levan, Foreman College and Career Academy; Marleny Ochoa, Lindblom Math and Science Academy High School; Tijamika Williams, Lake View High School; Betsy Aguilar, Noble – Rowe Clark Math and Science Academy; Melissa Chow, Noble – UIC College Prep; Lorena De Leon, George Washington High School; Sebastian Guerrero, George Westinghouse College Prep High School; Alyss Humphrey, Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy; Elizabeth Lopez, Benito Juarez Community Academy; Nathan Morgan-Kitch, The Ogden International School of Chicago High School; Joseph Rivera, Intrinsic Charter High School; Lisa Torres, The Ogden International School of Chicago High School; Acacia Tramil, Phoenix Military Academy; Nathan Acevedo, Chicago High School for the Arts; Sydney Gates, Lindblom Math and Science Academy High School; Nnaemeka Nwankpa, Kenwood Academy High School; Abigail Pio, Phoenix Military Academy; Tenzin Saldon, Northside College Preparatory High School; Emily Walton, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School; Daisy Aviles, Noble Academy; Malik Bridges, Noble – UIC College Prep; Katherine Cao, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. College Preparatory High School; Dominika Chruszcz, Lane Technical High School; Essence Cole, Noble – Hansberry College Prep; Cynthia Guerrero, Hubbard High School; Trang Nguyen, Lane Technical High School; Jose Pelaez, John Hancock College Prep High School; Samuel Rodriguez, Lane Technical High School; Karla Bonilla, Carl Schurz High School; Sovannkagna Hou, William Howard Taft High School; Teshemah

Jones, North Lawndale College Prep High School, Collins Campus; Marc Lopez, Friedrich Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center; Dangelo McDade, North Lawndale College Prep High School, Christiana Campus; Lexus Resendiz, Benito Juarez Community Academy; Jada Shavers, Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences; Brittney Azubuiké, Lincoln Park High School; Nicholas Brown, Northside College Preparatory High School; Luis Daza, Acero - Major Hector P. Garcia, MD, High School; Zoey Ellis, Lane Technical High School; Ana Maria Espinosa, William Jones College Preparatory High School; Alyssa Figeroa, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School; Anthony Figueroa, George Westinghouse College Prep High School; Victoria Netter, Noble Academy; Yetunde Arogundade, Perspectives Leadership Academy; Magali Coronado, Lane Technical High School; Francisco Garcia, Noble - Muchin College Prep; Timothy Grant, Noble - Johnson College Prep; Darielle Kennedy, Young Women's Leadership Charter School; Nathan Mendoza, Lincoln Park High School; Teniya Merrick, Noble Academy; Sara Rodriguez, Friedrich Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center; Francisco Rojas, Whitney M. Young Magnet High School; Ryan Collins, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School; Shanice Fanus, Nicholas Senn High School; Jordan Hunt, Lane Technical High School; Rohan Lopez, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School; RA-Zakee Muhammad, Lindblom Math and Science Academy High School; Maelvi Nuñez, Acero - Victoria Soto High School; Amiya Turner, Kenwood Academy High School; Jocelyn Aguirre, Thomas Kelly High School; Sharelle Falls, Noble - Rowe Clark Math and Science Academy; Max Mayer, Kenwood Academy High School; Kevin Pérez, Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy; Angel Ramos, Noble Academy; Jazline Rebollar, Lindblom Math and Science Academy High School; Jose Villalpando, Benito Juarez Community Academy; Nina Vo, Lane Technical High School; Quinton Williams, DeVry University Advantage Academy High School; Carlos Cortes, Perspectives Rodney D. Joslin Campus; Keane Fajardo, John F. Kennedy High School; Gisselle Hernández, Benito Juarez Community Academy; Jeffrey Huang, Lane Technical High School; Kinnard Hughes, Kenwood Academy High School; Jordan Lewis, Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men, Bronzeville Campus; Wendy Salto, Marie Slodowska Curie Metropolitan High School; Reñita Washington, Gary Comer College Prep; Eryn Brazil, Kenwood Academy High School; Ruben Coronel, William Jones College Preparatory High School; Diego Gomez, Noble - Golder College Prep; Olduz Ilkhchoui, Lane Technical High School; Sydney Jones, Kenwood Academy High School; Jose Montesinos, Marie Slodowska Curie Metropolitan High School; Zainab Akanni, Admiral Hyman George Rickover Naval Academy; Ronni Brent, Lane Technical High School; Deryk Gonzalez, Lane Technical High School; PapaCanoosche Lewis-Holt, Wendell Phillips Academy High School; Ricardo Magana, Noble - Chicago Bulls College Prep; Laura Moore, Lane Technical High School; Abril Pereznegrón, Noble - Pritzker College Prep; Alexander Roman, Kenwood Academy High School; and Alexis Smith, Lindblom Math and Science Academy High School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we congratulate the following Chicago Public School students who have been selected to receive The Gates Scholarship: Chima Aharanwa, Lindblom Math and Science Academy High School; Yujing Chen, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School; Ibraheem Khan, Northside College Preparatory High School; Karla Lopez, Eric Solorio Academy High School; and David Diaz, Eric Solorio Academy High School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to each of these exemplary Chicago Public High School students as a token of our respect and of our best wishes for a bright and prosperous future.



Ral Emanuel

MAYOR

Andrea H. Valencia

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