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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

April 10, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL  
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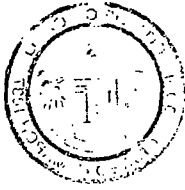
I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Brookins and Moreno, a congratulatory resolution concerning Chicago Public Schools' Champions.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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Mayor



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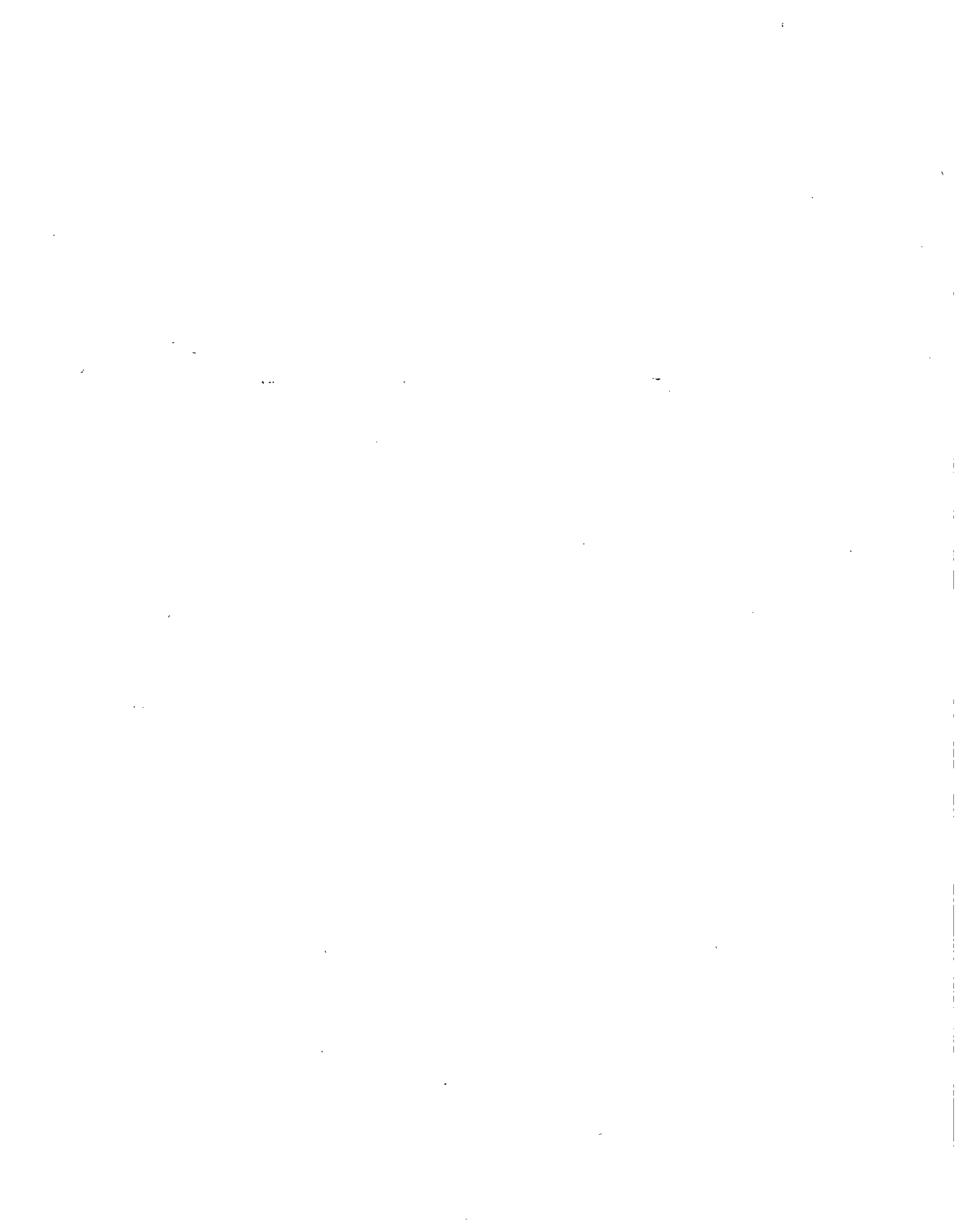
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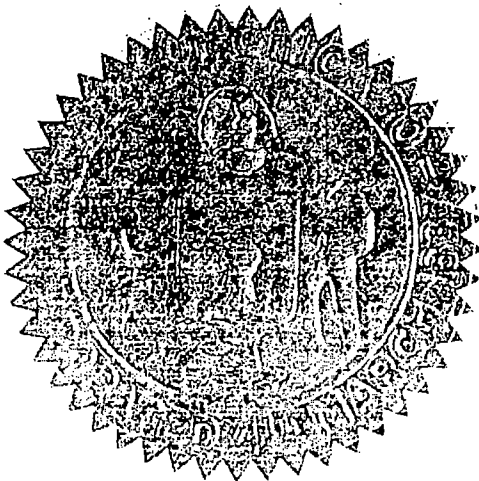
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