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A resolution



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

Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on MARCH 14, 2012

Whereas , Because children are our future, a high quality education is an essential cornerstone for a robust city; and

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber wish to congratulate three elementary schools in the Chicago Public School system which for five years in a row received the Illinois Honor Roll High Achievement award. These schools are Harvard, Beidler and Cather; and

WHEREAS, Ninety-one other Chicago Public Schools made the 2011 Illinois Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, A wide range of CPS schools received this accolade. Among the various types of schools winning were: Neighborhood, Magnet, Selective Enrollment, Charter and Turnaround. This demonstrates that high achievement is possible in all communities regardless of the school model; and

WHEREAS, Harvard is located in the Greater Grand Crossing neighborhood and is a Turnaround school run by the Academy for Urban School Leadership. Six of the ten AUSL elementary Turnaround schools made the 2011 Honor Roll. One of its three Turnaround high schools also made the 2011 Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, Among Harvard's teaching techniques is the use of single-gender classrooms, which have been shown to promote success and self-esteem. Additionally, Harvard assesses students weekly and uses a "Cougar cash" system to reward positive behavior with points students can "cash in" at a school store; and

WHEREAS, Some Chicago Public Schools won two awards. Lane Technical High School, Jones College Prep, and Vanderpoel Magnet each won Spotlight awards for being high-scoring schools despite the significant economic challenges facing the pupils' families. Those three schools also won Excellence awards for their overall high state test scores; and

WHEREAS, Black Magnet and Columbus Elementary both won Spotlight and Improvement awards. Columbus, in the Ukrainian Village neighborhood, was the only Neighborhood school to win two state awards; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the City of Chicago are proud of the achievements of these ninety-four Chicago Public Schools and their pupils. This is another indication that the Chicago Public School system has made great strides in providing a quality education for all its students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fourteenth day of March, 2012, do hereby congratulate the elementary schools of Harvard, Beidler, and Cather in the Chicago Public School system for making the State of Illinois Honor Roll for five years in a row; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to representatives of Harvard, Beidler, and Cather as a sign of our congratulations and admiration.



Rahm Emanuel
MAYOR

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