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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

June 17, 2015

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Gates Millennium Scholars.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

A resolution

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



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on JUNE 17, 2015

Whereas The Gates Millennium Scholars ("GMS") program gives outstanding minority students with significant financial need an opportunity for a college education by providing them with leadership training, mentoring, and financial, academic and social support; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1999 with a \$1 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the GMS program helps high-performing, low-income students grow into strong leaders in their professions and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, The GMS program has significantly improved the representation of minority groups in numerous academic disciplines and has contributed immeasurably to the diversification and enrichment of America's future leaders. Since its inception, the GMS Program has enabled more than 20,000 young men and women to attend and graduate from some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, To be selected as a Gates Millennium Scholar, students must be a member of a racial or ethnic minority group, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher, and have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service or extracurricular activities. They are among the most talented and driven students in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-five of this year's 1,000 Gates Millennium Scholars are graduating from high schools in the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") system. This is the sixth time in the last seven years that CPS has had more Gates Millennium Scholars than any other school district in the Country; and

WHEREAS, All of Chicago is tremendously proud of the hard work and dedication of its Gates Millennium Scholars. They are the pride and 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 seventeenth day of June, 2015, do hereby extend our congratulations to the following CPS Class of 2015 Gates Millennium Scholars: Daweed Abdiel, Westinghouse College Preparatory High School; Denzel Akosa, Chicago Math and Science Academy; Arianna Alexander, Kenwood Academy High School; Jada Brown, Lindblom Math and Science Academy; Enrique Casas, Lincoln Park High School; Jamel Chambers, Urban Prep Academy; Kaylynn Cusic, Young Women's Leadership Charter School; Fransha Dace, Lincoln Park High School; Brittany Daniels, Dunbar Vocational High School; Sharon Delavega, Kelvyn Park High School; Christa Hale, EPIC Academy Charter High School; Chandler Harrington, Urban Prep Academy; Christopher Herrera, Payton College Preparatory High School; Aaliyah Johnson, Young Women's Leadership Charter School; Kyle Johnson, Urban Prep Academy; Belinda Kwansah, Kenwood Academy High School; Kaila Latiker, Kenwood Academy High School; Johnathan Lesure, TEAM Eaglewood Community Academy High School; Kirk Mangum, Urban Prep Academy; Oscar Medrano, Schurz High School; Joseph Olalusi, Urban Prep Academy; Chantelle Phillips, Williams Preparatory School of Medicine; Daniela Quinonez, Prosser Career Academy High School; Gladys Recalde, Taft High School; Christian Robinson, Williams Preparatory School of Medicine; Paulina Rodriguez, Lincoln Park High School; Stephanie Ruizesparza, Hancock College Preparatory High School; Brianna Scott, Payton College Preparatory High School; Brandon Sparkman, Urban Prep Academy; Markida Thomas, King College Preparatory High School; Diana Trujillo, Juarez Community Academy; Trayvon Truss, Corliss High School; Karla Velasco, Prosser Career Academy High School; Kelvin Williams, Marshall Metropolitan High School; and Hugh Yeh, Lane Technical College Preparatory High School; and

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



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MAYOR

Susana A. Mendez

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