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Sports and Academic Champions

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

May 24, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

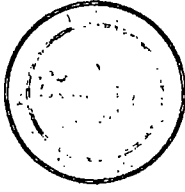
I transmit herewith, together with Alderman Brookins, a congratulatory resolution concerning Chicago Public School Sports and Academic Champions.

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 Alderman Howard Brookins, Jr. and Mayor Rahm Emanuel on May 24, 2017

Whereas Chicago Public Schools offers students opportunities to take part in a wide variety of athletic and academic competitions to promote and test their intellectual development and athletic skills; and

WHEREAS, Many of our diverse, talented, and hard-working students have excelled in these competitions; and

WHEREAS, In the Class 2A IHSA basketball tournament, Orr High School students Demarte J. Bell, Kevon J. Crittle, Raekwon Drake, Alexander X. Flute, Christian J. Gilkey, Brian M. Hernandez, Larry D. Johnson, Tyronn P. Mosley, Emanuel M. Oneal, Shankar S. Rodgers, Dannie Smith, Samuel A. Williams and Shomari A. Wilson, backed by Coach Louis Adams, won the state championship; and

WHEREAS, In the Class 3A IHSA basketball tournament, Morgan Park High School students Nimari K. Burnett, Cameron Burrell, Romelo M. Burrell, Quincy A. Dillard, Quam Dosunmu, Kenyon Duling, Deandre Freeman, Lenell D. Henry, Cameren Irvin, Lamond C. Johnson, Tavaris P. McCullough and Tamell S. Pearson, backed by Coach Nick Irvin, won the state championship; and

WHEREAS, In the Class 4A IHSA basketball tournament, Whitney Young High School students Emeka Anosike, Myles Baker, Tyler Beard, Craig D. Beaudion, Justin M. Boyd, Xavier Castaneda, Derrick Faulkner, Michael S. Feigen, Javon J. Freeman, Jalen C. Frizell, Keenan D. Jones, Jake Kosakowski, Sangolay M. Njie, Solomon I. Oraegbu, Justin L. Stovall and Lucas Williamson, backed by Coach Tyrone Slaughter, won the state championship; and

WHEREAS, In the IHSA state wrestling championships, Washington High School student We Rachel won the Class 2A, 132-pound championship; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Decathlon competition tests student teams on various subjects, including Art, Economics, Music, Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science, as well as proficiency in Speech, Interview, and Essay writing. Coached by Julienne Au, Whitney Young High School students Anna Lee, Arek Adams, Cristina Cass, Johnathan Marek, Luke Kensik, Patrick Timlin, Sammy Montalvo, Veronica Garklavs and Victoria Xie won the Academic Decathlon City Championship. Also coached

by Julienne Au, Whitney Young High School students Anna Lee, Arek Adams, Aryann-Mei, Cristina Cass, Jack Myer, Johnathan Marek, Joshua Tabuena, Kamau Stewart, Luke Kensik, Patrick Timlin, Rachel Clendenning, Sammy Montalvo, Veronica Garklavs and Victoria Xie won the 2017 U.S. Academic Decathlon State of Illinois Competition; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Debate League is a research-based extracurricular program that enables students to excel academically while competing in the largest urban debate league in the Nation; This year the Chicago Debate League won the Urban Debate League of the Year Award presented by the National Association of Urban Debate Leagues. In addition, in the Chicago Debate League City Championship, under Coach Vince Vinluan, Walter Payton College Prep students Alex Sherman and Micah Weese were Varsity Champions, and students Kieran Lawless, Cameron Kuberski, Zachary Vanderslice and Ezra Boldizar were Novice Champions; Under Coaches Robb Berry and Adam Hausman, Northside College Prep students Alex Pinheiro, Magi Ortiz, Tyler Campion and Kenny Lawson were Junior Varsity Champions, and student Albert Kerelis won the Novice Top Speaker Award. Under Coach Andy Fine, Lane Tech High School student Abdu Hytrek won the Varsity Top Speaker Award, and under Coach David Rodgers, Whitney Young High School student Xunyin Xu won the Junior Varsity Top Speaker Award. At the Urban Debate National Championship Competition, under Coach Vince Vinluan, Walter Payton College Prep students Alex Sherman and Micah Weese were National Competitors; under Coach Kailey Cole, Lincoln Park High School students Jake Griffin and Anna Kaganovich were National Competitors; and under Coach Cameron Connor, Solorio Academy students Amado Candelario and Kevin Castro were National Competitors. At the Tournament of Champions, under Coach David Rodgers, Whitney Young High School students Madison Sullivan, Jared Flippin, Eve Robinson and Gloria Oladipo were National Competitors; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Middle School Debate League is a research-based extracurricular program that enables students to excel academically while competing against other students in grades 5-8; In the Chicago Middle School Debate League City Championship, under Coach Jared Lee, Skinner West students Victor Kostov and Chris Chavez were Varsity Champions, student Chris Chavez won the Varsity Top Speaker Award, student Campbell Nofsinger won the Junior Varsity Top Speaker Award; and student Julia Gershberg won the Novice Top Speaker Award. Under Coach Greg Thompson, Lincoln Elementary School students Etta Weese and Janah Richardson were Junior Varsity Champions; and under Coach Deirdre Littleton, Thorp Scholastic Academy students Kristina Muharremaj and Morgan Berryhill were Novice Champions; and

WHEREAS, The E.W. Scripps Company Spelling Bee, which is the Nation's largest and longest-running education promotion, helps improve students' overall spelling, increase their vocabularies, develop correct English usage, and provides an environment to promote self-esteem, character development and sportsmanship. This year's CPS Citywide Spelling Bee was won by South Loop Elementary student Riya Joshi; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Public Schools Science Fair allows students to select, plan, and present research projects. The Science Fair encourages students to investigate a problem scientifically and develop their science skills. Students who excel in Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics can showcase their skills in a competitive environment, while also improving critical thinking, literacy, research, and time-management skills. This year, Beatrice Farb from Walter Payton High School won Highest Scoring High School Project at City Science Fair/International Alternate #1; Sedona Kessler from Bell Elementary School won Highest Scoring Elementary School Project at City Science Fair; Anusha Ebrahim from Whitney Young High School; Abigail Arnashus and Hazel Rose from Von Steuben High School, and Emily Neeson from Chicago Agricultural High School were International Science & Engineering Fair Participants; Raisa Murishi from Lane Tech High School was International Science & Engineering Fair - Alternate #1; Myelle Miller from Julian High School was Graduating Senior with highest participating points for 5 years; Shelly Moreno from Curie High School was Graduating Senior with highest participating points for 6 years; and Alyssa Anastasi from Whitney Young Academic Center was 1st Place City Essay Winner and 2nd Place State Essay Winner; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago Math League encourages high schools students from all over Chicago to challenge themselves mathematically and compete against students from over twenty-five schools in five contests to determine the City champion and prepare for competition at the state level. Dewei Feng from Jones College Prep High School won 1st Place - Algebra 1/BC Division; Willie Jones from Jones College Prep High School won 1st Place - Algebra 1/BC Division; Daniel King from Lane Tech High School won 1st Place - Algebra 2/BC Division; Leo Georgopoulos from Lane Tech High School won 1st Place - Algebra 2/BC Division; David Okabe from Jones College Prep High School won 1st Place - Pre-Calculus/BC Division; Luke Peng from Whitney Young High School won 1st Place - Algebra 1/A Division; Akhil Kalghatgi from Whitney Young High School won 1st Place - Geometry/BC Division; Mindren Lu from Northside College Prep won 1st Place - Algebra 2/BC Division; and Jonathan Marek from Whitney Young High School won 1st Place - Pre-Calculus/BC Division; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Junior Mathematics League encourages middle-grade students from all over Chicago to interact with each other to hone and develop their mathematical and problem-solving skills through competition. Joshua Studee from Edison Gifted Center won Top 6th Grade Student - Division A; Leon Chen from Ward Elementary School won Top 6th Grade Student - Division B; Eliza McHale from Disney II Magnet School won Top 6th Grade Student - Division B; Christina Li from Whitney Young Academic Center won Top 7th Grade Student - Division A; Kyle Chiu from Healy Elementary School won Top 7th Grade Student - Division B; Abhinav Goel from Whitney Young Academic Center won Top 8th Grade Student - Division A; Annie Wang from Whitney Young Academic Center won Top 8th Grade Student - Division A; and Alicia Xia from Ogden International School won Top 8th Grade Student - Division B; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Chess clubs in nearly 200 elementary and high schools provide many benefits, such as improved memory, increased creativity, emotional development, improved reading skills, enhanced decision making, and strategic thinking. Chicago Public Schools students compete annually in City-wide, State, and National tournaments. Coached by Paul Kash, Whitney Young High School students Nikhil Kalghatgi, Matthew Stevens, Akhil Kalghatgi, Deniz Gulecyuz, Ricky Roman, Alex Parkel, Secundino Vazquez, Robert Bitunjac, Kevin Di and Edward Li won 1st Place in the 2017 CPS High School City (Varsity) team competition. Coached by Lauren Tatar, Walter Payton College Prep students George Figueroa, Chefan Pavuluri, Janko Stojadinovic, Niko Stipanicev and Anthony Roitman won 1st Place Junior Varsity in the 2017 CPS High School City (Junior Varsity) team competition; Andy Cao from Skinner North Elementary School won 1st Place in the 2017 CPS K-2 City (Individual); David Chen from Edison Gifted Center won 1st Place in the 2017 CPS K-4 City (Individual); Avi Kaplan from Decatur Classical School won 1st Place in the 2017 CPS K-6 City (Individual); Neel Jay from Whitney Young Academic Center won 1st Place in the 2017 CPS K-8 City (Individual); Tamyz Fultz, Breanna Shaw and Christina Williams from Earle Elementary School won 3rd Place in the All-Girls National Championship; Elizabeth Coadamon, Izella Ortiz, Gabby Cisneros, and Samantha Glowacki from Kinzie Elementary School won 2nd Place in the All-Girls National Championship; Yuvrak Chennareddy from Earle Elementary School won 3rd Place in the Super-Nationals K-1; Gunn Kim from Keller Elementary Gifted Magnet School won 3rd Place in the Super-Nationals K-6 Unrated; Nikhil Kalghatgi, Akhil Kalghathi, and Matthew Stevens from Whitney Young Academic Center won 2nd Place in the Super-Nationals - K-12 Blitz; Tahir Levi from Earle Elementary School won 1st Place in the Super-Nationals - K-3 Blitz - Under 600; and Nikhil Kalghatgi and Akhil Kalghatgi from Whitney Young Academic Center won 1st Place in the Super -Nationals - K-12 National Bughouse Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber are pleased to congratulate all of the members of the Chicago Public Schools teams on their overwhelming success in their fields of competition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fourth day of May, 2017, do hereby applaud and congratulate all of these Chicago Public School students on their championship performances; and

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



Rafael Emanuel

MAYOR

Andrea H. Valencia

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