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Congratulations extended to Coach Robert Smith of Simeon Career Academy on retirement

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

April 19, 2023

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Coleman, Gardiner, Moore, Mitts, Osterman, Scott, Rodriguez Sanchez, Hairston, Abarca, Ramirez-Rosa, Rodriguez, Sposato, Villegas, Hadden, Vasquez, O'Shea, Cappleman, Waguespack, Knudsen and Martin, a resolution congratulating Coach Robert Smith of Simeon Career Academy for an outstanding coaching career.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot".

Mayor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Neal F Simeon Career Academy High School has a long and storied history of sports success; and

WHEREAS, For the past 19 seasons, Coach Robert Smith has been instrumental to that success in Simeon's basketball history; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith graduated from Simeon, and therefore understood the importance and weight that sports carry at Simeon when he started as head coach in 2004; and

WHEREAS, While Robert Smith was head coach, Simeon won over 500 games in 19 seasons; and

WHEREAS, During those 19 seasons, Simeon lost fewer than 100 games; and

WHEREAS, One of the most successful coaches in Illinois and CPS history, Robert Smith led Simeon to eight City championships and six state titles; and

WHEREAS, Coach Smith's six state championships are the most of any boys' basketball coach in Illinois history; and

WHEREAS, Many of Simeon's basketball players over the last 19 years have gone on to college basketball teams, and some have even become professional basketball players, including Derrick Rose, Jabari Parker, Talen Horton-Tucker, Kendrick Nunn and more; and

WHEREAS, Coach Smith's impact on student-athletes throughout Chicago has truly been incredible; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this nineteenth day of April 2023 do hereby congratulate Robert Smith on his retirement, express our gratitude for his years of distinguished public service to the Simeon Career Academy High School, and extend to him our very best wishes for his happiness and continued success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Robert Smith as a token of our appreciation and esteem.