



# City of Chicago



R2015-313

Office of the City Clerk

## Document Tracking Sheet

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	4/15/2015
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Emanuel (Mayor) Cappleman (46)
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Uplift High School basketball team on winning state championship
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

SUSP.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

April 15, 2015

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Alderman Capplemen, a congratulatory resolution regarding the Uplift High School championship basketball team.

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 ALDERMAN JAMES CAPPLEMAN  
MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on APRIL 15, 2015

**Whereas** The Members of this Chamber are delighted to honor one of Chicago Public Schools' latest and greatest success stories, Uplift Community High School, on the occasion of its state championship in boys basketball; and

**WHEREAS**, Established in the Uptown neighborhood in 2005, Uplift is a college preparatory school that thrives on its strong connection to its community and strives to foster in its students a commitment to making a positive difference in the world, taking to heart the words of Rosa Parks incorporated into the colorful mosaic on the school's outside wall - "Each person must live their life as a model for others"; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 14, 2015, the Uplift Titans completed an outstanding 28-5 season by winning the Class 2A boys basketball state championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Uplift's road to the title included an undefeated first-place finish in the Public League's Red-North Conference and a victory over perennial power Whitney Young in the third-place game of the league playoffs; and

**WHEREAS**, Striding confidently through the postseason, the Titans first claimed the Guerin Regional title by overwhelming Chicago's Douglass Academy 94-52, then defeated Northridge 46-34 to win the Northridge Sectional, and punched their ticket to Peoria by edging Chicago's Hales Franciscan 67-61 to capture the Joliet Super-Sectional; and

**WHEREAS**, Uplift turned in a spectacular performance in the state semifinal, easily dispatching a tough team from Breese's Mater Dei High by a score of 72-50, thereby earning a date with Decatur's St. Teresa High Bulldogs in the championship game; and

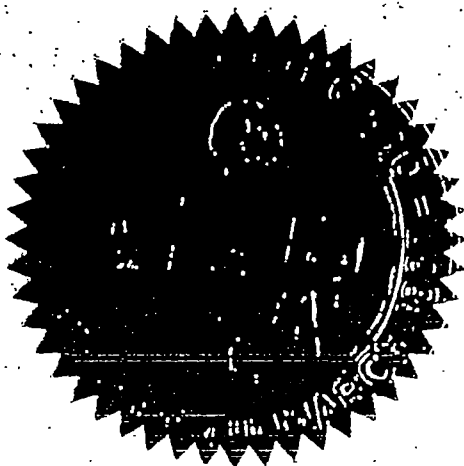
WHEREAS, The final was a nerve-wracking affair, with the Bulldogs taking advantage of the Titans' initially shaky shooting to take a 25-21 lead into halftime, and Uplift muscling their way back to lead 34-33 after three quarters; and

WHEREAS, In the final eight minutes, after momentarily falling behind 35-34, the Titans found their form and took control of the game, making six of their last eleven shots, including two big three pointers, and going five of seven from the free-throw line; and

WHEREAS, Uplift's 53-47 victory represents the school's first state championship in any sport, as well as the first time since the Illinois High School Association introduced the four-class system that a team representing Chicago Public Schools has brought home the Class 2A title; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fifteenth day of April, 2015, do hereby congratulate the 2014-15 Uplift Community High School boys basketball team: players Romel Askew, Alonzo Caffouse, Danzel Davies, Toraze Dobbs, Deshon Flukes, Spencer Foley, Jamal Hanson, Demarius Jacobs, Amari Lindsey, Mecca Owens, Nate Ratliff, Jeremy Roscoe, Daniel Soetan, Sean Terell, Roderick Trice, and Jamaya Wyatt; Head Coach David A. Taylor; Assistant Coaches Quinci Jones and Deric Sylvester; Managers Julian Morris and Charlemagne Desir; Athletic Director Antwoine Allen; and Uplift Principal Stephanie Y. Moore; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to each of the aforementioned individuals as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



*RaEmanuel*

MAYOR

*Susana A. Mendoza*

CITY CLERK