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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

April 19, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

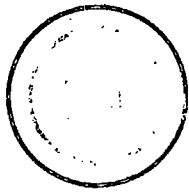
I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Brookins, Solis, Mell and Burnett, a congratulatory resolution regarding the most recent recipients of the Golden Apple Teacher's Award.

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*

Aldermen Howard Brookins, Jr., Daniel Solis,
Walter Burnett, Jr., Deborah L. Mell, and
Mayor Rahm Emanuel

Presented by _____ on April 19, 2017

Whereas, The Golden Apple Foundation has conferred its prestigious 2017 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching on four Chicago teachers and conferred its 2017 Stanley C. Golder Leadership Award on one Chicago school principal in recognition of their outstanding achievements as educators; and

WHEREAS, A not-for-profit organization based in Chicago, the Golden Apple Foundation advances the profession of teaching by recognizing excellent educators; by recruiting and preparing talented high school students and college graduates to be teachers through innovative training programs; and by improving the skills of current teachers through professional development; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to its founding proposition that "all children deserve excellent teachers," the Golden Apple Foundation has recognized exceptional teachers in the Chicago area each year since 1986; and

WHEREAS, Chosen through a rigorous process by a volunteer committee of distinguished Chicago-area educators, this year's recipients of the Golden Apple Award were selected from over 600 nominees; they are indeed worthy of recognition by their peers; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago recipients of the 2017 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching are Mr. Fitzgerald Crame, 4th-8th grade language arts, math, science, STEM, arts, and electives teacher, Thomas A. Edison Regional Gifted Center, Ms. Sarah Faller, 6th-8th grade literacy and social science teacher, Jonathan Burr Elementary School, Ms. Karen Ramirez, 6th grade reading, writing, and social studies teacher, Richard J. Daley Academy, and Ms. Alison Ridgway, 6th-8th grade math teacher, Skinner North Classical Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of the 2017 Golden Apple Stanley C. Golder Leadership Award is Ms. Phyllis Cavallone-Jurek, Principal, St. Therese Chinese Catholic School; and

WHEREAS, Each Golden Apple Award recipient receives a tuition-free, spring quarter sabbatical to study at Northwestern University. Each recipient also receives a \$5,000 honorarium. Perhaps most importantly, Golden Apple teachers become Fellows of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators, providing a stronger voice and a larger stage from which to make an impact on education, through ongoing professional development and engagement in education reform, such as the mentoring of future teachers through the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program; and

WHEREAS, Each Stanley C. Golder Award recipient receives a \$10,000 honorarium, \$5,000 to be used for a school project and \$5,000 for personal professional development; and

WHEREAS, The recipients of the 2017 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Leadership will be honored on May 20, 2017 at WTTW/Channel 11 Studios in Chicago. WTTW will broadcast the awards in a one-hour televised program; and

WHEREAS, Because our children are our future, no one is more deserving of our admiration and respect than these extraordinary teachers, who give generously of themselves each day to educate and inspire our children; 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, 2017, do hereby applaud this year's recipients of the 2017 Golden Apple Award for their impressive dedication to teaching, the most noble of professions, and welcome their future contributions to the Golden Apple Academy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the 2017 Golden Apple Award recipients Fitzgerald Crame, Sarah Faller, Karen Ramirez, Alison Ridgway, and Phyllis Cavallone-Jurek as a token of our esteem and good wishes.



Rafael Emanuel

MAYOR

Andrea H. Valencia

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