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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

March 28, 2018

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Alderman Curtis, a congratulatory resolution regarding CPS student Devin Thomas, Jr.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of the City of Chicago is pleased to have the opportunity to recognize a high school student in our City who has achieved truly extraordinary success; and

**WHEREAS**, As a freshman at Sarah E. Goode STEM Academy in 2015-16, Devin M. Thomas Jr. received straight A's and earned the Teacher's Choice Award; and

**WHEREAS**, In his sophomore year, Devin again earned straight A's, was inducted into the National Honor Society, and took classes at Daley College twice a week; and

**WHEREAS**, Now a junior at Goode Academy, Devin adds to his remarkable record, again earning straight A's. He has begun working and taking modeling classes, also takes classes at Daley College four days a week, and is the President of the National Honor Society. He is ranked sixth out of 217 students; and

**WHEREAS**, Devin's accomplishments are all the more impressive in light of the personal and family difficulties he has overcome, including the death of his grandmother in 2012 and the divorce of his parents while he was in elementary school. Rather than derailing him, these hardships focused Devin's resolve to achieve; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Society of High School Scholars, an esteemed organization that connects young scholars to an educational community that shares a commitment to excellence, education and world betterment, welcomed Devin as a member in July of 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Thanks to his hard work, drive to excel, and stellar academic history, Devin is on track to graduate not only a year early, but also with an Associate's Degree in addition to his high school diploma, which will mark a singular and historic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, Devin wants to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science and business administration, and plans to practice corporate law as a career; and

**WHEREAS**, We have no doubt that Devin will succeed in these educational and career goals, and that he is destined to do great things. We look forward to seeing the trail of accomplishment he will blaze; and

**WHEREAS**, It is fitting to recognize and pay tribute to a youth who has done so much, and who will doubtlessly continue to go above and beyond; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-eighth day of March, 2018, do hereby applaud and congratulate Devin M. Thomas Jr. on his exemplary achievements; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Devin M. Thomas Jr. as a token of our respect and of our best wishes for a bright and prosperous future.