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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL

April 18, 2012

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Simeon Career Academy High School boys' championship basketball team.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

Resolution

adopted by *Quincy QoUHeil*
City of Chicago, Illinois

presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

on

APRIL 18, 2012

Whereas, Simeon Career Academy High School had yet another outstanding year in boys basketball, winning the Class 4A State Championship on March 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Located at 8147 South Vincennes Avenue on Chicago's South Side, Simeon Career Academy High School has a long tradition of excellence in academics and athletics; and

WHEREAS, Simeon Career Academy won this year's 4A State Basketball Championship by defeating powerful Proviso East 50 to 48 at Bradley University's Carver Arena in Peoria; and

WHEREAS, The game was well-played by both teams and the score was close during the four quarters of play. At half-time, the score was tied and after three quarters of play Proviso East held a five-point lead. In the exciting final quarter of the game, Simeon's comeback began, with Steve Taylor making a spectacular hook shot from underneath the basket to give Simeon a 43-to-41 lead and inspiring his teammates to play at their best to bring home the victory; and

WHEREAS, The Simeon Wolverines finished the season with a record of 33 and 1, defeating the Proviso East Pirates, who also had a stellar record of 32 and 1; and

WHEREAS, The victory gave Simeon a sixth state championship, the most in state history. It was Simeon's third consecutive Class 4A state championship. For Simeon coach Robert Smith this was his fifth title, making him the coach with the most wins in state history; and

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WHEREAS, The talent on both of these great teams is evidenced by the fact that three of the players and one coach have been selected to play in the annual Chicago United Hoops Classic, an all-star game pitting the top high school basketball players from the South side of Chicago against those from the West side of Chicago. Jalen Neely and Steve Taylor of Simeon and their coach Robert Smith, along with Keith Carter of Proviso East, have been selected for this prestigious game; and

WHEREAS, All of Chicago is proud of Simeon Career Academy High School's success in winning the Class 4A Boys' Basketball Championship. Simeon is a school that has emphasized excellence in the classroom and the athletic field; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this eighteenth day of April, 2012, do hereby congratulate the Simeon Career Academy High School boys' basketball team for winning the Class 4A State Championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Simeon Career Academy High School as a sign of our respect and good wishes for the school's continued excellence in academics and athletics.

MAYOR

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