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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,
Mayor

RESOLUTION

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.