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I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Norm Van Lier Scholarship Fund awardees.

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of\*\*\* Gity of Qkicago, Illinois*

presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

on

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&TGCIS , The second annual Chicago United Hoops Classic will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> of this year and is a significant event for the youth of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Established by the Norm Van Lier Scholarship Fund, the Chicago United Hoops Classic brings together the best high school basketball players from the South and West sides of Chicago for a truly magnificent all-star game. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Norm Van Lier Scholarship Fund, its Nonviolence Legacy Campaign and the Purpose Over Pain organization; and

WHEREAS, The Ben Wilson Most Valuable Player award will be presented following the game. This Award is in honor and remembrance of high school student Ben Wilson, whose life was tragically cut short when he was murdered in 1985. Ben Wilson's basketball talents were legendary and he was considered to be the next likely superstar in the NBA; and

WHEREAS, Some great players in NBA history have played high school basketball on the South and West sides of Chicago, including Kevin Garnett, Derrick Rose and Dwyane Wade; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Norm Van Lier Scholarship Fund is to reflect the values of its namesake with an emphasis on education, truth, courage, hard work, teamwork, inclusion of and opportunity for all, the importance of maintaining one's positive attitude and belief in

one's abilities to accomplish anything in life, no matter what the past circumstance. The message of the Norm Van Lier Scholarship Fund is Leadership plus Education equals Nonviolence; and

WHEREAS, Norm Van Lier was an outstanding basketball player in the NBA, playing for most of his career with the Chicago Bulls. He was born April 1, 1947 in East Liverpool, Ohio and graduated from Saint Francis University. Mr. Van Lier played the position of guard and was selected 34<sup>th</sup> overall in the 1969 NBA draft by the Chicago Bulls. He played in the NBA from 1969 to 1979; and

**WHEREAS, The student-athletes who participate in the Chicago United Hoops Classic are creating a new legacy for the youth of Chicago by balancing sports with education and committing themselves to non-violence. Each student-athlete has signed the Non-Violence Legacy Pledge, which requires young people to vow to avoid fighting with weapons, fists or language and declare: "the violence stops with me"; and**

**WHEREAS, The Fund selects worthy students exclusively from the West and South side neighborhoods of Chicago and assists them financially and in other ways to be able to continue their education. To be considered, students must have a demonstrated desire to succeed despite personal or familial issues; and**

**WHEREAS, This year's Chicago United Hoops Classic promises to be a great sporting event. Among the notable guests at the game will be Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, who will be bringing the Jesse White Tumblers to perform at half-time. The game will take place May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Ratner Athletic Center on the campus of The University of Chicago in Hyde Park; 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 following South Side players and the high schools they represent: Jawad Adekoya (Andrew), Eddie Alcantara (Hales Franciscan), Alex Austin (Mt. Carmel), Darrell Combs (Thornwood), Michael Howell (Carver), Adrian Jeffries (Morgan Park), Donald Moore (Bloom), Jalen Neely (Simeon), Michael Orris (Crete-Monee), Delvon Rencher (Homewood-Flossmoor), Steve Taylor (Simeon), Jayone Troutman (Hillcrest), Frank Williams (Hyde Park), Timothy Williams (Homewood-Flossmoor) and their coaches Don Houston (Hillcrest) and Robert Smith (Simeon), and the West Side players and the high schools they represent: Ka'Darryl Bell (Oak Park & River Forest), Lavell Boyd (Farragut), Keith Carter (Proviso East), Willie Conner (Crane), Milton Doyle (Marshall), Devin Foster (Curie), Malcom Hill-Bey (Curie), Reggie Johnson (St. Joseph's), DeVante' Jones (Orr), Gabe Levin (Oak Park & River Forest), Ismar Seferagic (St. Patrick's), Kaylen Shane (Crane), Rashaun Stimage (Farragut), Deonte Terrell (Farragut) and Jerron Wilbut (Downers Grove South) and their coaches Gene Pingatore (St. Joseph's) and William "Wolf" Nelson (Farragut) for being selected to participate in the Chicago United Hoops**

**Classic on May 5<sup>h</sup>; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the participating players and their coaches as a sign of our respect and best wishes in the Chicago United Hoops Classic and in their future endeavors.**