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CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

November 5, 2014

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Alderman Graham, a congratulatory resolution regarding George Clark Elementary School.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

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adopted by The City Council

of the City of Chicago, Illinois

ALDERMAN DEBORAH GRAHAM

presented by) MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

On NOVEMBER

5, 2014

'VP/ICfCWS ' Tne Mayor and Members of this Chamber wish to congratulate George Rogers Clark Elementary School for earning a place on the 2013 "Illinois Honor Roll" by winning the Illinois State Board of Education's "Spotlight Schools" and "Academic Improvement" awards; and

WHEREAS, Twice named a Chicago Public School of Distinction, and once a Chicago Public School of Merit, G.R. Clark offers a fine and performing arts magnet program that emphasizes the integration of technology throughout the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, G.R. Clark is one of only 67 Chicago public schools, and only 177 public schools statewide, to qualify for the 2013 "Illinois Honor Roll"; and

WHEREAS, The "Spotlight Schools Award" honors public schools with limited resources that achieve impressive academic performance. To receive this award, a school must both draw at least half of its students from low-income families and boast a passage rate of at least 92.5 percent on the state's reading and mathematics achievement tests; and

WHEREAS, The "Academic Improvement Award" is bestowed upon public schools that have made substantial gains in performance over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, G.R. Clark Elementary is one of only eight schools in Illinois, and the only school in Chicago, to earn both the "Spotlight Schools" and the "Academic Improvement" award in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Because our children are our future, a high-quality educational system is an essential cornerstone for a successful city; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the City of Chicago are extremely proud of the achievements of the faculty, staff, and students of G.R. Clark Elementary, who, standing together as one, provide yet another example of how the Chicago Public School system is making great strides toward its goal of providing the highest quality education to all of its students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fifth day of November 2014, do hereby congratulate the entire

George Rogers Clark Elementary School community for the school's outstanding academic achievements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the principal of George Rogers Clark Elementary School as a sign of our congratulations, admiration, and pride in the school's accomplishments.