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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

April 15, 2015

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Alderman Cappleman, a congratulatory resolution regarding the Uplift High School championship basketball team.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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of the City of Chicago, Illinois

ALDERMAN JAMES CAPPLEMAN
APRIL 15, 2015

MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

- The Members of this Chamber are delighted to honor Chicago Public Schools' latest and greatest success stories, Uplift Community High School, on the occasion of its state championship in boys basketball; and

WHEREAS, Established in the Uptown neighborhood in 2005, Uplift is a college preparatory school that thrives on its strong connection to its community and strives to foster in its students a commitment to making a positive difference in the world, taking to heart the words of Rosa Parks incorporated into the colorful mosaic on the school's outside wall - "Each person must live their life as a model for others"; and

WHEREAS, On March 14, 2015, the Uplift Titans completed an outstanding 28-5 season by winning the Class 2A boys basketball state championship; and

WHEREAS, Uplift's road to the title included an undefeated first place finish in the Public League's Red-North Conference and a victory over perennial power Whitney Young in the third-place game of the league playoffs; and

- WHEREAS, Uplift turned in a spectacular performance in the state semifinal; easily dispatching a tough team from Breese's Mater Dei High by a score of 72-50, thereby earning a date with Decatur's St. Teresa High Bulldogs in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, The final was a nerve-racking affair, with the Bulldogs taking advantage of the Titans' initially shaky shooting to take a 25-21 lead into halftime, and Uplift muscling their way back to lead 34-33 after three quarters; and

WHEREAS, In the final eight minutes, after momentarily falling behind 35-34, the Titans found their form and took control of the game, making six of their last eleven shots, including two big three pointers, and going five of seven from the free-throw line; and

■ WHEREAS, Uplift's 53-47 victory represents the school's first, state championship in any sport, as well as the first time since-trie'llinois High School Association introduced the four-class system that a team representing Chicago. . Public Schools has brought home the Class 2A title; now, therefore,

- BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fifteenth day of April, 2015, do hereby, congratulate the 2014-15 Uplift Community High School boys basketball team: players Romel Askew, Alonzo Cattouse, Danzel Davies, Toraze Dobbs, Deshon Fluckes,. Spencer Foley, Jamal Hanson, Demarius Jacobs, Arnan Liridsey, Mecca Owens, Nate Ratliff, Jeremy Roscoe, Daniel Soetan, Sean Terell, Roderick Trice, and Jamaya Wyaft; Head Coach David A. Taylor; Assistant Coaches Quinci Jones and Deric Sylvester; Managers Julian Morris and Charlemagne. Desir; Athletic Director Antwoine Allen; and Uplift Principal Stephanie Y. Moore; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to each of the aforementioned individuals. as a token of . our appreciation and esteem. .