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CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

September 24, 2015

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Alderman O'Shea, a congratulatory resolution concerning the Morgan Park Girls Track Team.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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adopted by [The City Council of the City of Chicago, Illinois

ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA

presented MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

on SEPTEMBER

24, 2015

^QIIBtBCIS > The Members of this Chamber are delighted to honor the Morgan Park High School girls track-and-field team for its impressive showing at the 2015 Class 2A state championship meet; and

WHEREAS, In early May, the Morgan Park Mustangs finished fourth at the Chicago Christian sectional, booking a ticket to the state meet at Eastern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, The Mustangs, who entered the 67-team field at the championship with a lean squad of only 7 athletes, nevertheless managed to will their way to a remarkable second-place finish; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Park got off to a stellar start with a convincing victory in the meet's second running event, the 4-by- 100-meter relay. Senior Mekah Jordan, freshman Jada Laye, junior Rainasia Harris, and senior Kelsey Prear finished in 47.92 seconds, more than half a second better than runner-up Trinity; and

WHEREAS, The 4-by-200-meter relay team was equally impressive. Laye, Harris and Prear joined with sophomore Carinrie Parker to win the event in 1:40.74, beating Richton Park by almost two seconds and narrowly missing the state record; and

WHEREAS, The Mustangs closed out the meet in style with a come-from-behind triumph in the 4-by-400-meter relay. Jordan, freshman Likkqya Keyes, Harris, and Parker captured the title in a time of 3:57.33, more than 10 seconds faster than their time at the sectional championship nine days earlier; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Park runners also performed well as individuals, with Prear (who finished fourth in the 100-meter dash and seventh in 200-meter dash), Laye (who finished fifth in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes), and Keyes (who finished eighth in the 400-meter dash) accumulating crucial points; and

WHEREAS, The Mustangs ended up with 51 points, just 10 fewer

than the defending 2013 and 2014 champions from Cahokia High; and

WHEREAS, This state runner-up trophy is the Morgan Park's girls track-and-field team's 15th overall and first since a second-place showing at the 2011 championship meet; now, therefore,

BEIT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fourth day of September, 2015, do hereby congratulate the 2014-15 Morgan Park High School girls track-and-field team: seniors Mekah Jordan, Kelsey Prear, arid Tahja Shabdzz; juniors Tiayanna Bogan, Asha Caldwell, and Rainasia Harris; sophomores Tekara Napier and Carinne Parker; freshmen Chante Johnson, Jada Laye, Jglaya Morgan, and Olivia Strong; Assistant Coaches Wendy Moore and Nicole Reaves; and Coaches Derrick Calhoun and Monica Dawson; 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.