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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

May 18, 2016

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Brookins and Smith, a congratulatory resolution concerning the 2016 JROTC cadets.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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ALDERMAN HOWARD B. BROOKINS

ALDERMAN MICHELE SMITH

presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

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^OhdYBfIS • The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (Junior ROTC) is a program sponsored by the United States Armed Services in high schools across the Country to train high school students in leadership, character education and military sciences; and

WHEREAS, The focus of Junior ROTC is reflected in the program's mission statement: "To motivate young people to be better citizens;" and

WHEREAS, Chicago Public School students who participate in Junior ROTC learn the value of citizenship, service to the community and personal responsibility through a challenging educational curriculum, which is designed to prepare them for leadership in their community, to instill in them self-discipline, self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment, and to foster in them an awareness of their rights, responsibilities and privileges as American citizens; and

WHEREAS, One of the greatest distinctions that a Junior ROTC cadet can achieve is to serve as commander of their school's Junior ROTC unit. The forty-five Junior ROTC Unit Commanders, under the guidance of the City Corps Commander, are responsible for leading their school's respective Junior ROTC program. They are chosen for this role based on their exemplary personal conduct, the leadership example that they set for younger students, their academic achievements, and their commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, This year, six extraordinarily qualified Junior ROTC cadets from Chicago Public High Schools have earned prestigious four-year ROTC scholarships or appointments to some of our Nation's elite service academies; and

**WHEREAS, All of these outstanding individuals embody and have worked hard to promote the principles and standards of Junior ROTC. Each of them is the pride of Chicago; 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 May, 2016, do hereby extend our congratulations to the following Chicago Public School cadets on their service as commander of their Junior ROTC units for the 2015-2016 school year, and to those cadets who received appointments to national military service academies, and to those cadets who earned four-year ROTC scholarships to pursue their college education and commission as officers in the service of the United States of America: Regina Arcangel, Air Force Academy High School; Pamela Arcentales (City Corps Staff Commander), Lane Tech; Bilal Asghar (City Corps Staff), Rickover Naval Academy; Nestor Aviles, Lane Tech; Destiny Baker, Fenger; Carlos Benitez, Lincoln Park; Knowledge Brown (City Corps Staff), Rickover Naval Academy; Michelle**

Calderon, Westinghouse; Jasmine Castillo, Hubbard; Gabriela Caudel, Steinmetz; Marcos Cortez, Spry; Lunden Gayles, Hyde Park Career Academy; Anita Gomez, Foreman; Lizeth Gonzalez, Marine Academy; Eliud Gonzalez, Schurz; Jordan Grajales, Marine Academy; Azariah Gray, Manley; Lyria Hall, Hirsh; Diego Herrera, Westinghouse; Enrique Hibarra, Sullivan; Ashley Huber, Senn; Dylan Hyams, Rickover Naval Academy; Nara Im, Taft; Jennifer Isidore Juarez; Akia Jones, Douglass; Anthony Labrado, Phoenix Military; Davon Lee, Tilden; Dejah Leonard, Phillips; Aja Lewis, Harlan; Suleiny Maldonado (City Corps Staff), Phoenix Military; Gabriel Martinez, Westinghouse; Xavier Martinez (City Corps Staff), Phoenix Military; Dominique McMullan, Harper; Gisselle Mendoza, Steinmetz; Camryn Miguist, Bowen; Jennifer Mojica, Curie; Evans Nkansah, Chicago Military Academy at Bronzeville; Deion Oliver, Chicago Vocational Career Academy; Maritza Palafox, Prosser; Nikko Patterson, Kelvyn Park; Joshua Payton, Chicago Military Academy at Bronzeville; Natalie Pedroza, Carver Military; Krystal Pena, Westinghouse; George Pina (City Corps Staff), Chicago Military Academy at Bronzeville; Guillermo Pioquinto, Roosevelt; Omar Serrano, Gage Park; Adelina Socite, Rickover Naval Academy; Terrina Strauthers, Marshall; Fatima Sturgies, Corliss; Esterphania Torres, Farragut; Natalie Vazques, Clemente; Lamarcus Walker, Lake View; Tamara Webb, Chicago Military Academy at Bronzeville; Lorelle Webb, Englewood; Armoni Williams, Morgan Park; Tanjanica Williams, South Shore International Prep; Benjamin Wingerter, Taft; David Winston, Dunbar; Shiwei Zhang (City Corps Staff), Senn; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to each of these exemplary Chicago Public High School students as a token of our respect and of our best wishes for a bright and prosperous future.

MAYOR

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