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## Legislation Text

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Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs, and Recreation

### CHICAGO FOOTBALL CLASSIC

WHEREAS. The Chicago Football Classic. Inc is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to inspire African-American high school and college students through support for programs, initiatives and events that increase awareness of opportunities to achieve educational excellence. CFC events influence students and parents to consider the rich academic and cultural opportunities offered by Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

WHEREAS. African American college students are known to have higher graduation rates from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The group achieves these goals via several initiatives, including adopt-a-school programs and most notable, scholarships for African American students planning to attend HBCU institutions. WHEREAS, The Chicago Football Classic was established in 1997 by Larry Huggins. Everett Rand. Tim Rand, and William "Bill-Garth. The Chicago Football Classic initiatives empower students to not only complete high school, but also attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

WHEREAS, Each year the Chicago Football Classic host a series of events to raise funds for scholarship programs for African-American high school and college students, including the nation's largest HBCU reunion held at Soldier's Field.

WHEREAS. Always anticipated the classic is more than just a game; it's a three-day event which brings awareness to HBCUs, exposes Chicago students to various aspects of the college experience and focuses on the "Back To School" initiative. The Chicago Football Classic supports education to help end the violence in our community and host an annual College Fair featuring 30 colleges and universities.

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2017 AD, to support the Chicago Football Classic, Inc. hosting the Chicago Football Classic every year on the third Saturday of September at Chicago Park District Soldiers Field.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the leadership of the Chicago Football Classic. Inc. and the Chicago Park District*

*Board of rj*