

A resolution

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



Presented by ALDERMAN PATRICK J. O'CONNOR
MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on APRIL 15, 2015

Whereas, On March 22, 2015, the Latin School of Chicago's girls ice hockey team defeated Loyola Academy to win the high school state championship; and

WHEREAS, The Romans's victory marks the first time a City team has won the state title in a sport dominated since its inaugural season by suburban schools; and

WHEREAS, The Latin School's current team actually comprises students not only from Latin and the University of Chicago Lab School, but also Chicago Public Schools Whitney Young, Lane Tech, and Jones College Prep; and

WHEREAS, In the state semifinal, this valiant squad of Chicago skaters notched its fourth victory of the season over the six-time state champs New Trier, dominating on both sides of the red line in a 5-0 triumph; and

WHEREAS, Facing another perennial power, Loyola Academy, in the championship game at the United Center, Latin took a 3-1 lead into the final three minutes, and withstood a furious Loyola rally to prevail by the score of 4-3; and

WHEREAS, This was a season of firsts for Latin's girls ice hockey team – its first regular season championship, its first state championship, its first Coach of the Year award (shared by sisters Claire and Courtney O'Connor), and its first Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois High School Player of the Year (awarded to defender Grace Zarzecki, a senior at Whitney Young); and

WHEREAS, In addition to these achievements, the team captain, senior forward Margot Werner, received one of three annual prestigious Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship Awards, and forward Kendra Nealey (a sophomore at the Lab School) and Zarzecki won places on the Illinois High School All-State Team; 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 Latin School of Chicago's girls ice hockey team: players Alexandra Rodman, Margot Werner, Emma Unterseher, Ellen Lawrence, Sydney Sorkin, Jessica Lucas, Kendra Nealey, Julia Nadler, Cody Stender, Natalie Pontikes, Morgan Sulger, Lily Heller, Meredith Shields, Audrey McMahon, Lauren Bennett, Sophia Johnston, Grace Zarzecki, Grace Cummins, Molly Aguina, and Abigail Nadler, Coaches Claire and Courtney O'Connor, Coach Carley King, Director Blake Sorensen, and Managers Roberia Horwitz and Gwen Pontikes; 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.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rahm Emanuel", written over a horizontal line.

MAYOR

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susanna A. Mendoza", written over a horizontal line.

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