

**RESOLUTION RE: SIMEON HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS
OF THE PUBLIC LEAGUE'S 2007 BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

WHEREAS, Simeon High School culminated the 2007 boys basketball season by winning the Chicago Public Schools Boys Basketball Championship on February 24, 2007, at UIC Pavilion; and, on March 17, 2007, with a record of 30 wins and 2 losses for the season, the Simeon Career Academy Varsity Basketball team completed its magical run to an unprecedented consecutive class AA State Championship in boys basketball by defeating O'Fallon Township High School 77-54 at Peoria's Carver Arena; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the boys basketball team worked together as a cohesive unit and demonstrated excellence, tenacity, dedication and superior prowess; and,

WHEREAS, the superb performance of the team members reflects the excellent training and support received from the Principal, Tamara Sterling; Head Coach, Robert Smith; and Athletic Director, Melvin Dillard; and,

WHEREAS, the poise and good sportsmanship of the members of the team throughout the season earned the admiration of all and reflect positively upon the school, community and Chicago Public Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 23rd day of May 2007, do hereby commend the Simeon Wolverines for the memorable achievement of winning the Public League's 2007 championship. Also they are the first Chicago team to win back to back State titles in the 100 year history of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) basketball tournament.