



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR HIGH SCHOOL VIKINGS ON WINNING THE 2024 IHSA 4A BOYS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, the Homewood-Flossmoor Vikings won the IHSA Class 4A Boys State Basketball Championship on March 9, 2024, in Champaign, IL; and

WHEREAS, the Vikings triumphed over the Normal Community High School Ironmen 60-48 securing their 1st ever State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, this year's team was led by Gianni Cobb, Bryce Heard and Mac Hagemaster, who transferred in from other schools to play for the Vikings, and teamed with senior Carson Brownfield and junior Jayden Tyler to create one of the state's most talented teams; and

WHEREAS, rounding out the team was Caleb Chavers, Myles Ellis, Ethan Howard, Aiden Derosé, Kyle Polk, Gakobie McNeal, Dominic Pangallo, Ryan Clemens, Daveon Myles, and Jameon Wright; and

WHEREAS, second year Head Coach Jamere Dismukes was tasked with finding a way to mold together a talented squad to play together for a common goal of winning a championship; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dismukes and the rest of the H-F coaching staff (Kentrell King, Shea Sumpter, Markus Starks, Dame Trice, Kevin Dillard, Desmond Blocker and Mark Collins) did just that and had so much confidence in this group of young men that Coach Dismukes stated, "This is a special group," "I've been saying it all year. I got a lot of flak for saying it, but I believed it all year."; and

WHEREAS, to get to the Championship Game, the Vikings beat some very talented and highly ranked teams including wins over Curie and New Trier High Schools in the super sectional and semi-final games respectively; and

WHEREAS, in the finals the game was tied at 16 late in the first quarter before H-F went ahead for good with a 9-0 run that featured five points by Heard, and two 3-pointers by Tyler for an 8-0 surge to start the second half that gave the Vikings their biggest lead, 39-23 with 4:52 left in the third quarter. Normal got no closer than seven the rest of the way as Heard and his teammates made history; and

WHEREAS, in the finals, Heard led the Vikings with 21 points and 10 rebounds, Tyler scored 15, and Brownfield added 12 points; and

WHEREAS, the Vikings finished 33-4 to cap a remarkable season and had just two in-state losses, to Bradley-Bourbonnais and Bolingbrook; and

WHEREAS, according to their coaches, the team came together as a family during the year and made history for themselves and the community; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to congratulate the success of these outstanding Homewood-Flossmoor student athletes and their coaches;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates the Homewood-Flossmoor High School Basketball team for their 2024 IHSA 4A Boys State Basketball Championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to the team members, coaches, and Principal Clinton Alexander of Homewood-Flossmoor High School as a symbol of our respect and esteem.