



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING DOROTHY GATERS MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH ON HER 1,000<sup>TH</sup> CAREER VICTORY**

**WHEREAS** for the past four decades Dorothy Gaters, a graduate of Marshall High School, has been the first and only coach of the Marshall High School girls' basketball team, and,

**WHEREAS** Coach Gaters has led the Marshall High School girls' basketball team to eight state championships and multiple city championships, elite eight state tournament appearances, Public League Championship game appearances and has had several of her teams inducted into the state basketball Hall of Fame, and,

**WHEREAS** Coach Gaters has herself been inducted into the National Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee, class of 2000, and,

**WHEREAS** on November 18, 2014 Coach Gaters achieved a historic milestone by winning her 1,000<sup>th</sup> victory as head coach of the Marshall High School Commandos, and,

**WHEREAS** Coach Gaters has excelled in her career not only as a high school basketball coach but as a Physical Education Teacher, Department Chairperson, Athletic Director and Public League Basketball Coaches Association President, and,

**WHEREAS** Coach Gaters ranks eighth nationally all-time in wins as a girls' basketball coach, and,

**WHEREAS** Coach Gaters and her basketball program has had a 100 per cent graduation rate, and,

**WHEREAS** Coach Gaters has helped to develop some of the top student athletes in the country including Cappie Pondexter, Janet Harris, and Toni Foster, and,

**WHEREAS** Coach Gaters in 2001 started the MLK Dream Classic, which brings together more than 40 girls' and boys' basketball teams from across the country to honor the dream and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through a basketball shootout, and,

**WHEREAS** because of Coach Gaters' talent, hard work, and unfailing commitment to her players and her students she has been and continues to be an extraordinary role model to and an exemplary mentor for young women in particular and young people in general, in Cook County and beyond,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners congratulate Coach Dorothy Gaters on her 1,000<sup>th</sup> victory, recognize her extraordinary accomplishments and express to her sincerest thanks and appreciation for her many contributions to her community, to Cook County, and to the lives of young people in the region.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Coach Dorothy Gaters.

