



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL COACH DOROTHY GATERS FOR FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

WHEREAS, for forty-five years Dorothy Gaters, a graduate of Marshall High School, has served as the coach of the Marshall High School girls' basketball team; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters is the winningest high school basketball coach in Illinois history, Coach Gaters has more than 1,100 wins, 10 girls state titles and 24 state trophies; and,

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

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters was named coach of the year by the Illinois Basketball Association more than a dozen times; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters' coaching style has developed some of our nation's top student athletes including Cappie Pondexter, Janet Harris, and Toni Foster; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters has coached 5 players that went on to play WNBA, more than 20 that have gone on to play professionally overseas, and 18 All American players; and,

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

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters had a pair of Nike shoes made in her honor; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters has trail blazed in her field, and has exceedingly excelled in her career as a high school basketball coach, Department Chairperson, Physical Education Teacher, Athletic Director, and Public League Basketball Coaches Association President; and,

WHEREAS, because of Coach Gaters' leadership, work ethic, and undying commitment to her players and students, Coach Gaters has been and continues to be a phenomenal role model and an outstanding mentor for young women, and young people in general, throughout Cook County and beyond; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners congratulate Coach Dorothy Gaters on her retirement and recognize her exemplary 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be tendered to Coach Dorothy Gaters, as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the President of the Cook County Board and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

