

CITATION

June 8, 2005

WHEREAS, The School District of Philadelphia is about to conclude the first-ever school year in which its sports teams were eligible to compete in state championships under the aegis of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association—the PIAA, and

WHEREAS, The recent PIAA track and field competition resulted in the first School District state PIAA champions, with the girls from Carver High School for Engineering and Science earning third place team standing and the following taking top individual prizes in the finals of their events: Benita Taylor, gold medal, 800 meters; LaVaughn Jones, silver medal, 1600 meters; Benita Taylor, LaVaughn Jones, Jona'e McAllister and Kameesha Worthington, gold medal, 4 x 400 meter relay (new state record), and Benita Taylor, Kameesha Worthington, Syeeda Gee and Ashley Ligon, third place, 4 x 800 meter relay (First PIAA medal to be won by the School District of Philadelphia), and

WHEREAS, The boys' team from Gratz high School tied for third place team honors in addition to winning the following: James Farrell, Gourdie Corbin, Kevin Talley and Khaliff Featherstone, silver medal in the boys' 4 x 400 meter relay; Kenneth Talley, Kevin Talley, Khaliff Featherstone and Raishine Turner, fourth place, 4 x 100 meter relay; Khaliff Featherstone, fourth place, and Kevin Talley, seventh place, 400 meters; Kevin Talley, fifth place, and Rashine Turner, sixth place, 200 meters, and Rashine Turner, seventh place, 100 meters, and

WHEREAS, Dara Wilson, Masterman High School, took third place in the girls' 100 meter hurdles and fourth place in the triple jump, while on the boys' side, Jerry Butler, Washington High School, took fifth place in the 100 meter event; Brandon Lane from Carver captured fifth place in the 110 meter hurdles, and Chris Bowser, Mitch Stroh, Thurman Sanders and Pat Carr from Central High School earned fifth place in the 4 x 800 meter relay, and

WHEREAS, In addition to honoring these PIAA track champions, it is fitting at this time to honor the PIAA District 12 and Public League Champions in winter and spring sports: for Central High School, boys' and girls' basketball and track and field, boys' tennis, girls' soccer, softball and co-champions in swimming; for Frankford High School, wrestling, baseball and cheerleading champions; for Masterman High School, chess and boys' volleyball, and Central Region, gymnastics co-champions in swimming, for Northeast, bowling and badminton; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the School Reform Commission and the Chief Executive Officer join with the entire School District of Philadelphia family in congratulating the PIAA state championship girls' track team from Carver and boys' track team from Gratz, as well as all of the members of its PIAA District 12 championship teams in their respective winter and spring sports.