



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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Honoring DeLaSalle High School Boys' Basketball 2016 Minnesota Class AAA State Champions

- WHEREAS: DeLaSalle High School of Minneapolis won its fifth straight Minnesota Class AAA State Championship on March 12, defeating Fergus Falls, 79-65; and
- WHEREAS: DeLaSalle is the first high school in the 104-year history of the Minnesota State Tournament to win five straight boys' championships. The 2015-16 team finished with a record of 25-4, and were champions of Section 6AAA prior to winning the State Tournament; and
- WHEREAS: Head coach Dave Thorson now has a career record of 500 wins and 133 losses. In his 22 years at DeLaSalle, the school has qualified for fourteen state tournaments, won eight titles and finished as runner-up twice. Going back to 1927, DeLaSalle boys' basketball teams have qualified for 47 state tournaments and won 22 state championships; and
- WHEREAS: The team represents a microcosm of the entire DeLaSalle student body, the most diverse private high school in Minnesota – defined by every possible demographic including socio-economics, race, neighborhood and family background. The 22 players and managers on the team came to DeLaSalle from 18 different grade schools, parochial and public, including every neighborhood in Minneapolis; and
- WHEREAS: All six Islander seniors have been accepted to colleges. During Coach Dave Thorson's career at DeLaSalle, every senior has matriculated to college; and
- WHEREAS: In alphabetical order, the team's roster included J.T. Baker, Dominic Bledsoe, Sage Booker, Jack Borman, Christian Dickson, Phillip England, Max Fleming, Cooper Gooley, Robert Hannah, Will Irvin, Samm Jones, Gabe Kalscheur, Malik Lamin, Goanar Mar, Austin McGeheran, Demario McGowan, Rayquan Moore, Patrick Podewils, Jaimison Short, Tyrell Terry, Cole Tesch-Stevson, Kevin Wesseh; and
- WHEREAS: In alphabetical order, the team's assistant coaching staff included Todd Anderson, David Collier '99, Nicholas Grue '98, C.J. Hallman '02, Johnell Hallman '04, Tim Mieure, and Dan Rubischko. The team's trainer was Cindy Schlafman, and the strength coach was Chris Hartmann.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL:

THAT THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS CONGRATULATES THE
DELASALLE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR WINNING
THE 2016 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Passed by the City Council
First Day of April A.D. 2016

Barbara A. Johnson, *President of Council*

APPROVED:

Betsy
Hodges, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

Casey Joe Carl, *City Clerk*