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CONGRATULATING DERRICK MARTELL ROSE BEING NAMED THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION MOST VALUABLE PLAYER (MVP) 2010-2011 SEASON

Whereas, Derrick Martell Rose was born October 4, 1988; and

Whereas, Derrick Rose was raised in the Englewood area on Chicago's South Side; and

Whereas, Derrick is the fourth son of Brenda Rose; and

Whereas, Derrick's brothers, Dwayne, Reggie, and Allan all were very talented basketball players who taught Derrick the ins and outs of basketball on nearby courts in the Englewood area and assisted him in learning the fundamentals of basketball; and

Whereas, Derrick was a star player at Simeon Career Academy who led both the freshmen and sophomores to city championships with a 24-1 record. During Derrick's Junior year at Simeon in 2006 he led his team to its first state title since 1984 with the team finishing with a record of 33-4. Furthermore, the Simeon Wolverines became the first Chicago Public League School to win back to back state championships; and

Whereas, Derrick accepted a scholarship to play for the University of Memphis Tigers in the fall of 2007. Memphis was seeded No. 1 in the South Region and blew out most of its competition on its way to the NCAA Final Four. He was named to the All-Final Four team after averaging 20.8 points, 6.5 rebounds, and 6 assists during the tourney; and

Whereas, on April 15, 2008 Derrick Rose declared for the 2008 NBA draft; and

Whereas, Derrick was selected the first overall player in the draft by his hometown the Chicago Bulls; and

Whereas, Derrick started his rookie year strong, becoming the first Bulls draftee to score 10 points or more in his first 10 games; and

Whereas, During the All-Star Weekend of 2009 Derrick played in the Rookie Challenge and won the Skills Challenge where he beat out several All-Stars to become the first rookie to claim the trophy; and

Whereas, during Derrick's first year in the NBA he was named Rookie of the Year; and

Whereas, In his playoff debut against the defending champion Boston Celtics, Derrick recorded 36 points (tying Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's NBA record for points scored by a rookie in his playoff debut set in 1970), 11 assists, and 4 rebounds; and

Whereas, On January 28, 2010, Derrick was elected to his first career All Star Game as a reserve for the Eastern Conference team; and

Whereas, during the 2009-2010 season the Chicago bulls once again made the playoffs finishing with a 41-41 record. In the playoff Rose averaged 26.8 points, and 7.2 assists; and

Whereas, the beginning of the 2010-2011 season Derrick burst out the gates the second game of the season, Derrick scored 39 points against the Detroit Pistons; and

Whereas, On January 27, 2011, Derrick was announced as a starting guard on the 2011 NBA ALL-Star Team for the Eastern Conference squad; and

Whereas, On February 17, 2011 in the Bulls' last game before the All-Star break, Derrick recorded a career high 42 points, along with 8 assists and 5 rebounds, as the Bulls beat the San Antonio Spurs 109-99; and

Whereas, at the end of the 2010-11 NBA season the Bulls finished with a record of 62-20. Their 60+ wins was the Chicago Bulls first since the 1997-1998 season; and

Whereas, Derrick became only the third player in the past thirty years of the NBA to record 2,000 points and 600 assists in a single season; and

Whereas, Derrick Martell Rose is the youngest player at 22 years of age to win the National Basketball Association Most Valuable Player (MVP) award.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby congratulate and recognize Derrick Martel Rose on being named the National Basketball Association Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the 2010-2011 Season.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 4, 2011 be declared Derrick Martell Rose day in Cook County.



Robert B. Steele
Cook County Commissioner, 2nd District