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## **Clerk Dorothy Brown Issues Open Message to Jackie Robinson West**

*“Each one of you is a Profile in Courage”*

(Chicago) – Today, as all of Chicagoland celebrates the young heroes of the Jackie Robinson West Little League team, 2014 U.S. Champions of the Little League World Series, **Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County**, writes an inspirational open message to the 13 team members.

Clerk Brown addresses the Jackie Robinson West Little League team members: **DJ Butler, Lawrence Noble, Jaheim Benton, Ed Howard, Cameron Bufford, Brandon Green, Darion Radcliff, Marquis Jackson, Joshua Houston, Eddie King, Prentiss Luster, Pierce Jones and Trey Hondras**, and writes:

Thank you all for the lessons in courage. I consider each one of you to be a Profile in Courage.

Your actions during the entire Little League World Series can be described as Profiles in Courage.

Not only Profiles in Courage, but also profiles in tenacity, fortitude, resiliency, stick-to-it-ness, go-through-it-ness, grace under pressure, and, finally, Just-Do-it-ness. I know I made up some phrases, but how else can I describe your extra-ordinariness?

You and your volunteer fathers, manager and coaches demonstrated the strength brought by a Black father being involved in the life of his son, as well as the importance of Black boys having the support of family and community.

I believe that we will remember for years to come your win over Las Vegas, especially when Pitching Coach Houston refused to take his son Josh out of the game after a pitching error gave Vegas the lead with a home run that brought two runs in, saying, “Get your head together. You are staying on the mound and we are going to get it done.” Even when it appeared that Josh felt like he wanted to stop. Then with tears in his eyes, Josh pulled himself together and pitched, first, two balls and, then, a strike; and the batter’s next hit was caught and he was out. But what happened next is what corporate training tapes on courage, fortitude, and achieving against all odds are made of: Josh went on to get a base hit, driving in the tying run to help us stay alive.

Jackie Robinson West, every man, woman, boy and girl should review your US Championship game to see what true champions are made of.”

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