## Aresolution

adopted by The City Council
of the City of Chicago, Illinois

## SALUTE TO MITZI MEYERSON

WHEREAS, World renowned harpsichordist Mitzi Meyerson is a native of suburban Oak Park, Illinois and the first harpsichord graduate of Roosevelt University's legendary Chicago Music College; and

WHEREAS, Born into a musical family, Mitzi Meyerson began her concert career at the age of seven. After her graduation from Roosevelt, she finished her graduate studies at the famed Conservatory of Music at Oberlin in Ohio and moved to London where she co-founded the ensemble, "Trio Sonnerie", with whom she performed and recorded extensively; and

WHEREAS, A prolific recording artist with more than 50 recordings to her credit, Mitzi Meyerson is in Chicago April 1 through April 3, 2009 on the American leg of her world tour debuting her newest double compact disk release by international fine arts recording company, Glossa Music, "Componenti Musicali of Gottlieb Muffat". Local appearances include a master class in keyboard at DePaul University's School of Music and an interview on Chicago's fine arts radio station, WFMT-FM; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her solo work, Mitzi Meyerson is the founder of "The Bottom Line", a variable ensemble devoted to repertoire for bass and continuo instruments, which appears in major festivals across Europe. The most popular form of "The Bottom Line" is the "Berliner Cembalo Ensemble", a group of three to five harpsichords, which has a continually growing repertoire; and

WHEREAS, Mitzi Meyerson holds the Wanda Landowska chair as a full Professor of Harpsichord at the Universität der Künste in Berlin. This was the first university to offer the study of harpsichord, a position created especially for Landowska, an early 20<sup>th</sup> century harpsichord virtuoso. Professor Meyerson specializes in working with modern pianists to obtain a baroque-style perspective in the performance of Bach, developing an awareness of articulation, harmonic structure, and many other aspects; and

**WHEREAS**, Mitzi Meyerson divides her time between a busy teaching schedule and many concert engagements throughout the world. Her other interests include photography with several solo exhibitions in Germany and England, social work, sumo wrestling, and her Persian cat, Yofi; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, is introducing legislation to rename a portion of Michigan Avenue in front of Mitzi Meyerson's Chicago *alma mater* as "Honorary Mitzi Meyerson Way" to commemorate her outstanding contributions to the field of classical music and the education of its future artists; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** That we, the Mayor and the members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2009 AD, do hereby declare April 2, 2009 to be "Mitzi Meyerson Day" throughout Chicago and extend our very best wishes to this noteworthy native for health, happiness and success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Mitzi Meyerson.

OBERT W. FIORETT

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