Resolution of Thanks to the Late Lord Mayor – by Deputy Michael John Cassidy, C.B.E.

To be presented on Thursday, 5th December 2019

To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

Motion:-

"That the Members of this Honourable Court take great pleasure in expressing to:

ALDERMAN PETER KENNETH ESTLIN

their sincere thanks and appreciation for the distinguished manner in which he has served as Lord Mayor of the City of London during the past year.

Always enthusiastic, energetic, and driven, Peter has travelled extensively over the past year, visiting some 27 countries as well as a significant range of cities and towns across the UK. Both at home and abroad, he has worked tirelessly as a passionate advocate on behalf of the UK's financial and professional sectors.

Peter's year has been focused heavily on his Mayoral Theme, *Shaping Tomorrow's City Today*. Through this, he has worked to ensure that London retains its place as a global hub for digital innovation, keeping the City at the centre of future growth. The launch on 10th October of *Future.NOW*, a coalition of businesses, civic society and Government departments designed to ensure a cohesive approach to digital skills across the country, represents a key achievement, ensuring that focus is maintained long after Peter's Mayoralty and leaving a lasting legacy.

During his time as Lord Mayor, Peter has hosted many special events to further economic diplomacy and promote London as a centre for business, with the Business and Investment Dinner and the International Trade Dinner being particular successes. Given his moniker as the Digital Lord Mayor, it is perhaps no surprise that that he has been unrelenting in his energy for additional engagements, delivering over 600 formal speeches and hosting well in excess of 300 meetings, conferences, roundtables and similar events at Mansion House alone. We owe Peter an enormous debt of gratitude for the commitment he has shown throughout.

We on the Court also wish to pay tribute to Lindy, the Lady Mayoress, who had an equally busy and energetic programme. In particular, we commend her for her outstanding work on behalf of the National Autistic Society and the Sepsis Trust, and express our gratitude for all her contributions.

In taking their leave of Peter, their 691st Lord Mayor, Honourable Members reflect that his has been a special and outstanding Mayoralty. We trust that Peter, Lindy, Anabelle, James and Victoria will look back on a unique year with the greatest pleasure, pride, and many happy recollections."