

## Resolution of Thanks to the Late Lord Mayor – *by Deputy Ann Holmes*

*To be presented on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

*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

**VINCENT THOMAS KEAVENY**

their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the distinguished manner in which he has carried out the role of Lord Mayor of the City of London during the past year.

Hailing from Dublin, Vincent has served as the 693<sup>rd</sup> Lord Mayor, and has been the first Irishman to take up this mantle.

We are especially grateful to Vincent for placing People and Purpose at the heart of his Mayoral Theme in this important post-pandemic and post-Brexit era. He has worked tirelessly to promote his theme, thereby championing a purpose-led and people-focused UK Financial and Professional Services sector, growing the global competitiveness of the UK as a world leader in sustainable finance, He has attended to Environmental, Social and Governance matters, making the City home to the best and most diverse global talent, whilst driving social mobility at all levels.

A highlight of Vincent’s Mayoralty was the Net Zero Delivery Summit, which saw him welcome the Prime Minister to Mansion House, Working closely with No.10, the Lord Mayor championed the crucial net zero pledges made at COP26 and ensured the summit provided an opportunity for attendees to engage with financial and corporate leaders and other experts and senior Ministers, on the progress of key priorities agreed at COP26.

Following the restrictions of previous years, Vincent was keen to get the Mayoralty back on the road and undertook many domestic and international visits including to Spain and Portugal, the United States, Mexico, Indonesia and Japan. A little closer to home, he also took the opportunity to return to his homeland with a visit to the Republic of Ireland at the beginning of this year – something which carried special significance.

It would be remiss of me to comment on Vincent’s year in office without recognising the events involving the Royal Family. There is no doubt that he will long treasure the memory of his leading role in the happy events of the Platinum Jubilee, when he received the Royal Family on the steps of St Paul’s Cathedral and here at Guildhall. He will now also be remembered as the Lord Mayor who, following the passing of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, had the sombre duty

of taking part in the Accession Council, leading the Proclamation of King Charles III on the steps of the Royal Exchange, as well as attending her late Majesty's funeral.

Throughout this historic and momentous year, in all of his work, the Lord Mayor has received enthusiastic support from Amanda, the Lady Mayoress, and, as we move to the close of what we hope has been a memorable and special period for them both, this Honourable Court thanks Vincent for all that he has done as Lord Mayor. In taking their leave of Vincent, their 693rd Lord Mayor, Honourable Members send to him and Amanda – as well as to India of course - our very best wishes for their future good health and happiness.