

Resolution of Thanks to the Late Lord Mayor – *by Deputy Christopher Hayward*

To be presented on Thursday, 5th December 2024

*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 Court take great pleasure in expressing to

Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli

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 the USA, Michael has served as the 695th Lord Mayor, and has been the first individual of not only British, but also American Irish and Italian heritage to take up this mantle.

Whether at home or abroad, he has been an exemplary ambassador for both the City of London and for the United Kingdom. We are especially grateful to Michael for his ‘Connect to Prosper’ Mayoral Theme, whereby he has worked tirelessly to bring together leaders in the scientific, academic and business worlds, growing the global competitiveness of the UK as a world leader in those areas in order to solve global challenges.

The Lord Mayor successfully represented the UK Financial and Professional services sector at COP28 and subsequently hosted the Net Zero Delivery Summit championing the crucial net zero pledges. The Lord Mayor has promoted the interests of the City, London and the nation around the globe, and undertook more than 24 international visits highlighting the City’s strengths in innovation and sustainable finance.

It would be remiss of me to comment on Michael’s year in office without recognising his ‘Experiment Series’, highlighting the inventiveness that thrives within the City and showcasing the work of the City’s science and academic communities.

Michael has also hosted many special occasions at Mansion House and Guildhall, including not one but two magnificent State Banquets held to mark, respectively the visits of the President of the Republic of Korea in November 2023, and the Emperor & Empress of Japan in June 2024. Such a diverse programme has placed huge demands on the Lord Mayor and he has met the challenge with sound knowledge, dignity and good humour.

Throughout this historic and momentous year, in all of his work, the Lord Mayor has received enthusiastic support from Elisabeth, 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 Michael for all that he has done as Lord Mayor. In taking their leave of Michael, their 695th Lord Mayor, Honourable Members send to him, Elisabeth and their children, our very best wishes for their future good health and happiness.