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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Laurel Bellows, a widely admired member of the legal community, has been named the one-hundred thirty-sixth President of the American Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this accomplishment by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Laurel Bellows has been practicing law for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Bellows serves as the President of the Bellows Law Group, PC has been recognized as one of Chicago's most influential women; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Bellows was listed among the top twenty-five influential working mothers in the country by *Working Mother* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Bellows served as Chair of the Chicago Network, and was the second-ever female President of the 22,000-member Chicago Bar Association, where she founded the Women's Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Before being named President of the ABA, Laurel Bellows served as chair of the organization's policymaking House of Delegates and was a member of the ABA's Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, In her newly appointed role as President, Laurel Bellows will support the vision and mission of the ABA, which includes nearly four-hundred-thousand members and is the national voice for America's legal profession; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Bellows believes that lawyers can change people's lives in a positive way, and she is committed to protecting and promoting core American values while acting as an advocate for gender fairness within the legal system; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twelfth day of September, 2012, do hereby congratulate Laurel Bellows on having been named President of the American Bar Association and do hereby extend to her every good wish for her continued success and achievement in this new role; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Laurel Bellows.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B.', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward