

WHEREAS, Steppenwolf put on many more successful productions under Lavey's supervision, such as a revival of Ken Kesey's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" in 2000, Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Martha was known for her impeccable ability to know and understand others, and always felt the urge to advocate for her competitors at the Chicago theatre, of which she was incredibly passionate; and

WHEREAS, Over her tenure, one of Martha's greatest accomplishments was the expansion and diversification of the Steppenwolf ensemble, and also the act of officially getting Chicago theatre on the map; and

WHEREAS, Martha is remembered by everyone she knew for her caring and generous nature; and

WHEREAS, Martha touched the lives of all who knew her through her loving and hardworking spirit. She will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character will live on in those who knew and loved her; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this Wednesday, May 24th, 2017, do hereby declare that North Halsted Street between North Avenue and Willow Street be given the honorary street name of Martha Lavey Way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the family of Martha Lavey as a sign of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

MICHELE SMITH
Alderman, 43rd Ward