

A resolution

adopted by **The City Council**
of the **City of Chicago, Illinois**



Presented by ALDERMAN BURTON F. NATARUS on FEBRUARY 8, 2006

Whereas, In 1979, Jeffrey M. Leving earned a Juris Doctor from Chicago Kent College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Leving is licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the United States 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Leving is a notable authority on family and paternity law; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Jeffrey M. Leving founded a firm of aggressive attorneys who specialize in Matrimonial and Family Law helping with litigation and negotiation strategies defending fathers rights; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Leving was requested by Juan Miguel to represent Manuel Gonzalez in the Elian Gonzalez case; he acted as Elian's care giver in the early stages of the federal case and was invited as an expert on CNN, CNBC, MSNBC, Fox National News and Court TV to analyze the case; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Leving was appointed as Chair of the Council on Responsible Fatherhood for the State of Illinois by Governor Rod Blagojevich; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Leving co-authored the 1986 Illinois Joint Custody Law; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Leving delivered testimony before both branches of the Illinois Legislature on Joint Custody, Grandparent's Visitation and Child Support Accountability bills; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Leving is the author of "*Father's Rights*," a book that gives fathers who are fighting child custody battles insight on how to navigate the system; also wrote, "*In defense of deadbeat dads*," an article featured in the April 1997 edition of Parents Magazine; "*Divorced dads don't deserve humiliation*" featured in the March 11, 1998 edition of the Chicago Sun-Times; "*New law would keep dads in picture*" featured in Inside on April 29, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Leving is professionally associated with the following organizations: the Chicago and Illinois State Bar Associations, the Federal Trial Bar, Decalogue Society of Lawyers and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; and

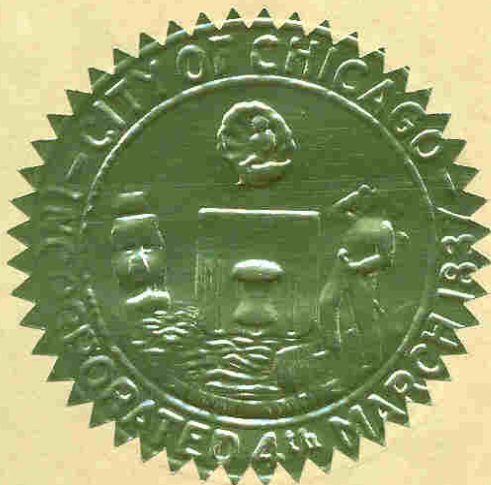
WHEREAS, In 2005, Jeffrey M. Leving was selected as an "Illinois Super Lawyer" by his peers in the legal community; and

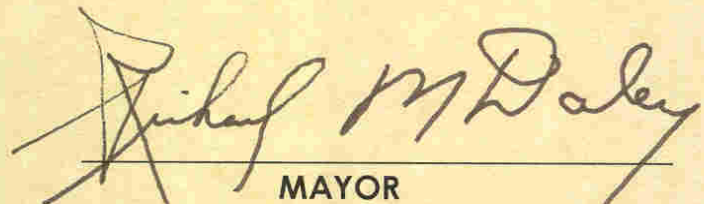
WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Leving received the Recognition and Commendation Award for Meritorious Service to the Public and Legal Community from the Illinois State Bar Association; and


WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Leving will be honored with an honorary City of Chicago Street Sign, "Jeffrey M. Leving Way," to be located on the southeast corner of west Madison Street and north La Salle Street; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled in meeting this eighth day of February, 2006, do hereby commend Jeffrey M. Leving on his endless fight to protect men's rights and congratulate him on his honorary street sign, "Jeffrey M. Leving Way"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Jeffrey M. Leving.




MAYOR


DEPUTY CITY CLERK