

A RESOLUTION honoring Mitzi Friedlander.

WHEREAS, Mitzi Friedlander is a Talking Book narrator at the American Printing House for the blind who has announced her retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Talking Book Program is administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress. The service provides recorded literature to 500,000 blind and physically impaired Americans; and

WHEREAS, born March 31, 1930, Mitzi Friedlander earned her master's degree in theater arts at the University of Louisville. She performed as Jeannie in the *Stephen Foster Story* in the early 1960s and was the lead in the summer musicals at the Pioneer Playhouse in Danville in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, a teacher at UofL and Indiana University Southeast, Mitzi Friedlander has performed at the Actor's Theater of Louisville, the Louisville Ballet, and Louisville Children's Theater; and

WHEREAS, Mitzi Friedlander has worked for the American Printing House for the Blind for more than 50 years and has lent her voice to many different kinds of literature, amassing a catalog of over 2,000 titles in her esteemed and award-winning career; and

WHEREAS, Mitzi Friedlander was the first recipient of the Didymus Award for the narration of 1,000 Talking Books for the Library of Congress. She has voiced such classics as *Gone with the Wind*, and *Charlotte's Web*, and several of Louisville author Sue Grafton's alphabet mysteries. In 1993, a nationwide audience selected her as one of their favorite Talking Book voices, honoring her with the Alexander Scourby Award for Excellence; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body hereby congratulates Mitzi Friedlander on her impeccable career, and wishes her the best of luck upon her retirement as she ushers in a new and exciting chapter of her life;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of

Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Mitzi Friedlander upon her retirement as a Talking Book narrator at the American Printing House for the Blind, and commends her career as a narrator, a performer, and a pillar in the arts community of Louisville.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Mitzi Friedlander.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Roberta Williams, American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.