


Councilmember Muriel Bowser

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Avery Gagliano, a talented thirteen-year-old pianist and resident of Ward 1.

WHEREAS, Avery Gagliano is thirteen years old and a former student at Alice Deal Middle School;

WHEREAS, Avery is the daughter of Drew Gagliano and Ying Lam, and resides in Mount Pleasant;

WHEREAS, Avery attended District of Columbia Public Schools from kindergarten through seventh grade, where she maintained a straight-A academic record;

WHEREAS, Avery is an accomplished pianist who commenced piano lessons at the age of five;

WHEREAS, Avery is also a talented violinist who commenced violin lessons at the age of eight;

WHEREAS, Avery is a Jack Kent Cook Honors Scholarship recipient at the Levine School of Music and regularly performs at local, national and international venues;

WHEREAS, at the age of nine, Avery performed at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and had her orchestral debut at the Strathmore Concert Hall with the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra;

WHEREAS, Avery has been featured on National Public Radio's broadcast program, "From the Top," as well as a two-hour PBS documentary, "Arts and Mind;"

1 WHEREAS, Avery has won first prize in many competitions, including three divisions of
2 the Marlin-Engle Piano Solo Competition, the Cogen Piano Concerto Competition Junior and
3 Intermediate Divisions, and the Cogen Instrumental Competition Junior Division;
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5 WHEREAS, Avery has performed as a soloist with the Capital City Symphony at the
6 Atlas Performing Arts Center in Washington, DC;
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8 WHEREAS, Avery has performed in master classes led by the Emerson Quartet,
9 Benedetto Lupo, Dmitri Shteinberg, Mikhail Volchok and Larissa Dedova;
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11 WHEREAS, in November 2013, Avery was selected as one of twelve young international
12 pianists to participate in the Inaugural Lang Lang Junior Music Camp in Munich, Germany,
13 where she performed and worked with Chinese pianist Lang Lang in concert and master classes;
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15 WHEREAS, Avery was a guest artist with the National Chamber Ensemble performing
16 on both the piano and violin;
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18 WHEREAS, Avery won the Junior Category at the V Chopin International Piano
19 Competition in Hartford, Connecticut, where she also won the competition's Grand Prix honor;
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21 WHEREAS, Avery performed as a soloist with the Midwest Young Artists Symphony
22 Orchestra, under the direction of Doctor Allan Dennis, at the renowned Ravinia Festival;
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24 WHEREAS, in her free time, Avery has studied at the Washington School of Ballet and
25 relishes in reading, math, swimming and watching movies.
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27 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution
28 may be cited as the "Avery Gagliano Recognition Resolution of 2014".
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30 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends and recognizes Avery
31 Gagliano for her distinguished accomplishments as a pianist and student, and role model for all
32 those wanting to become involved in the performing arts.
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34 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
35 the District of Columbia Register.