

WE, THE LORD MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, on behalf of our citizens, offer to Your Majesty, so long supported by the constant love and help of Prince Philip, our most humble and loyal congratulations on the Diamond Jubilee of Your Majesty's reign.

We are proud, that on this memorable occasion for gratitude and rejoicing the City of Westminster, accorded city status by Your Majesty, and which great city encompasses Buckingham and St James's Palaces, where you and many members of your family reside; Westminster Palace, the seat of your government; Marlborough House, the headquarters of the Commonwealth; and the homes of so many of the royal institutions of which Your Majesty is patron, will be the setting where families and friends from all parts of the nation will gather to show their loyalty, love and support to their beloved sovereign.

With wider boundaries, an enhanced civic status, and with a vibrant ethnicity unimagined at the time of your accession, Westminster welcomes this opportunity to honour the steady dignity and example with which Your Majesty has served the nation for sixty years and in which time our city and the whole country have been truly blessed. The promise Your Majesty broadcast on your 21st birthday has been kept through the most profound changes in personal and national life.

It is with thankful hearts, and in the sure knowledge that Your Majesty will always work for the happiness and prosperity of your peoples, that we most earnestly pray Your Majesty may long be spared to continue Your beneficent reign over the devoted peoples of your city, nation and commonwealth.

The Loyal Address by Councillor Susie Burbridge, Lord Mayor of Westminster, on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Westminster

