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HONORED GUESTS

Michelle King, the lead singer of the musical group Flame from Lexington Center, performed for a Special Olympic Board dinner meeting in Washington, D.C., recently. The board includes dignitaries, government officials, ambassadors, Olympians, and entertainment moguls. Among those in attendance were Olympic gold medal winners Scott Hamilton, Bart Conner and Nadia Comaneci as well as Senator Larry Craig, Princess Lalla Amina of Morocco, First Lady of Panama Vivian Fernandez de Torrijos, Greg Craig, new Chief Counsel for President-elect Barack Obama, and Special Olympic President Timothy Shriver. King, who lives in Gloversville, played guitar and sang two songs at the dinner for 80 people in the historic Riggs Library on the Georgetown University Campus. Both songs received standing ovations from the prominent audience and Michelle and Flame management were able to spend time before and after dinner conversing with the board members. King is part of the band Flame from Lexington Center, a local agency serving people with developmental disabilities. The Special Olympics Board invited King to perform for their dinner leading up to the International Games in Idaho in February 2009, where Flame will play at the opening ceremonies and additional events throughout the week of games in Boise for Special Olympic athletes from all over the world. Flame has just released its third CD, which was recorded live at the Glove Theatre. For more information about its CDs or to book Flame contact, Tim Fiori at Lexington Center at (518) 736-3931 or visit the band's Web site www.flametheband.com.