

## City of Chicago



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Sponsor(s): Pawar (47)

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Title: Tribute to late Dorothy DeVerdery Storck

Committee(s) Assignment:

## TRIBUTE TO LATE DOROTHY DeVERDERY STORCK

WHEREAS, Dorothy DeVerdery Storck has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by Alderman Ameya Pawar; and

Whereas, Dorothy Storck was born in 1927 in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Storck in 1951 earned a BA degree in English Literature from Bernard College of Columbia University, and in 1962 earned an MS degree in TV journalism from Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, from 1951 through 1965, Ms. Storck served in the United States Air Force and achieved the rank of Major; and

WHEREAS, she finished her Air Force career as Chief of Public Relations for the Secretary of the Air Force's Midwest Office in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 Ms. Storck began working as a national reporter and columnist for Chicago's American newspaper and continued with the paper when its name was changed to Chicago Today; and

WHEREAS, at these newspapers she covered important national news events including the 1968 and 1972 presidential campaigns; the trial of Sirhan Sirhan, who assassinated presidential candidate, Robert Kennedy; NASA's Apollo 10, 11, and 13 voyages; and was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for her coverage of the Detroit riots; and

WHEREAS, from 1974 through 1991, Ms. Storck was a feature writer, national reporter and columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer where she shared a Pulitzer Prize for public service reporting with the Inquirer staff for its 1979 coverage of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant disaster; and

WHEREAS, her Inquirer columns were distributed by the Knight Ridder-New York Daily News-Chicago Tribune wire service to more than 250 newspapers; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the Philadelphia Inquirer assigned Ms. Storck to live in London, England to cover politics and government under Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Ms. Storck returned to Chicago to write politically-oriented travel articles for the Chicago Sun-Times and the Copley wire service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Storck will be remembered by her friends, colleagues and former colleagues at three Chicago daily newspapers and especially by the young women reporters she mentored and championed during her years in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, to Dorothy Storck will be deeply remembered by her brother, Donald Storck; her sister, Patricia Storck Kerr, and fiance, former Chicago Alderman Dick Simpson; now, therefore

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 28th day of October, 2015 A.D., do hereby offer our heartfelt sympathy to the family, friends and loved ones of Dorothy DeVerdery Storck and express our sorrow on her passing, and

Be It Furthered Resolved, That a suitable copy of the resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Dorothy DeVerdery Storck.

Ameya Pawar Alderman, 47<sup>th</sup> War