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Title:	Tribute to late Sylvia Elizabeth Webb Nobles
Committee(s) Assignment:	

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF SYLVIA ELIZABETH WEBB NOBLES

WHEREAS, On March 2, 1923 Sylvia Elizabeth Webb Nobles was born in Chicago, Illinois the daughter of Lilly B. Webb and John Burl Webb, Sr.; siblings Oscar, Leroy, Adrienne, William, Helen and John Jr.; and

WHEREAS, In her youth Sylvia attended McCosh Elementary School and Englewood High School; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia and her siblings were raised in the West Woodlawn area of Chicago. She was subsequently featured in the novel, entitled "Tight Little Island", a profile of the West Woodlawn neighborhood between 1900 through 1950; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia's first year of college was at Illinois State Teachers College in Normal, IL. However, because of discriminatory practices she left Illinois State Teachers College, earning her Bachelor of Science in Education from West Virginia State University which was a HBCU at the time; and

WHEREAS, On September 2, 1948 Sylvia married the love of her life, Lawrence W. (Toby) Nobles. Residing in the Washington Heights neighborhood of Chicago Sylvia and Toby raised their four children: Anita Renee Nobles (Dew), Judith Lynn Nobles Gilmore, Linda Cheryl Nobles Franklin and Lawrence W. Nobles, Jr. There are four grandchildren Daniel Dew, Chevon Nobles Little, Samuel Dew and Devon Nobles and three wonderful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, While raising her family, Sylvia worked at the Chicago Public School's for over 30 years, first as a high school teacher. Sylvia then decided to return to school attending Chicago State University where she earned a second bachelor's degree in primary education. With that degree Sylvia went on to teach kindergarten for over 20 years; and

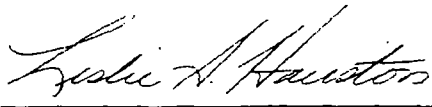
WHEREAS, After retirement Sylvia pursued her passion for fashion and worked at Vogue Fabrics where she also taught sewing classes; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia was one of the early members of Trinity United Church of Christ joining at the original location and later attending service in the new sanctuary for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia had a vibrant civic and social life. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., The Women's Board of DuSable Museum of African American History, The Parents Club, Haute Couture Club, Chicago Chapter of the West Virginia State Alumni Association and she joined her many friends in a bevy of social activities with the senior group of Good Shepherd Church; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That at the behest of Alderman Leslie A. Hairston, we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, do hereby honor the exceptional woman, stellar career and philanthropic commitments of Sylvia Elizabeth Webb Nobles and extend our heartfelt condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Mrs. Sylvia Elizabeth Webb Nobles.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leslie A. Hairston", is positioned above a horizontal line.

**LESLIE A. HAIRSTON
ALDERMAN, FIFTH WARD**