



# City of Chicago



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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Simin Behbahani
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Simin Behbahani has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 87; and

**WHEREAS,** The Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS,** Simin Behbahani was a renowned Iranian poet who was widely celebrated around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** Simin Behbahani was twice nominated for the Nobel Prize in literature and won many international awards in countries including the United States, Norway and Hungary; and

**WHEREAS,** Affectionately known as “the lioness,” a reference to her strong personality, Simin Behbahani began writing poems at a young age; and

**WHEREAS,** A native of Tehran, Simin Behbahani graduated from Tehran University with a degree in legal studies; and

**WHEREAS,** Simin Behbahani’s writings reflected her deep commitment to human rights, democracy and the rights of the individual; and

**WHEREAS,** Simin Behbahani modernized the traditional Persian ghazal, a type of verse similar in structure to the English sonnet; and

**WHEREAS,** Simin Behbahani’s poem, “My Country, I Will Build You Again,” was mentioned by President Barack Obama in a message intended to improve relations between the United States and the Islamic Republic; and

**WHEREAS,** The hard work, talent and dedication of Simin Behbahani serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** Simin Behbahani will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To her two sons, Ali and Hossein, and her daughter, Omid, Simin Behbahani imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this tenth day of September, 2014, do hereby commemorate Simin Behbahani for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Simin Behbahani.



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**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**