

**SALUTE TO ISABEL MAE PAYNE GILES ON THE OCCASION OF HER 95<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS Isabel Mae Payne Giles will be celebrating her 95th Birthday on October 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS along with her husband Frank P. Giles, Isabel migrated to Chicago from Charlottesville, Virginia, in 1948, in pursuit of a job opportunity and settled in the historic Bronzeville neighborhood; and

WHEREAS shortly after their arrival, the couple seized the opportunity to participate in a housing lottery, that allowed them to purchase their cherished home in the West Chesterfield area, where Isabel has resided for an impressive seven decades; and

WHEREAS Isabel Mae Payne Giles became an integral part of the West Chesterfield Community, committing herself to its betterment through active participation in numerous community initiatives. She has been a devoted member of St. James A.M.E. Church for 70 years, contributing her time and efforts to the Usher Board, as a dedicated Sunday School Teacher, and serving on various boards within the church; and

WHEREAS Isabel also played a vital role in the West Chesterfield Community Association, lending her support to various committees, events, and fundraisers, and was a proud member of "The Goldens," a group dedicated to raising funds for the improvement of the community, notably through their annual fundraising community fashion show; and

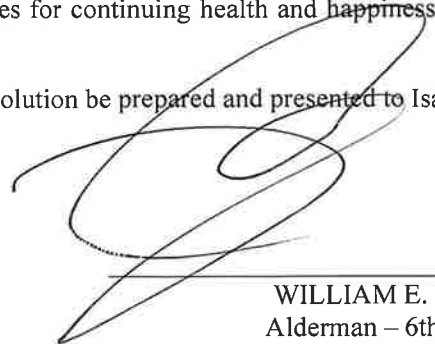
WHEREAS Isabel sent her three children to Burnside Elementary School. In 1962, Burnside was the site of a civil rights sit-in. It was one of the first acts that led to the end of segregation within the Chicago Public Schools. From that day forward, she demonstrated an unwavering commitment to civil rights in the Chicago Public School system, participating in marches and civil lawsuits advocating for equal quality education; and

WHEREAS Isabel continues to reside in the 6th ward, where she and her husband raised their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren over the past seven decades, actively participating in the local block club and earning the admiration and respect of her neighbors and friends as a cherished jewel in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable William E. Hall, Alderman of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, has brought to the attention of this august body this outstanding senior citizen who has exhibited unparalleled dedication to the West Chesterfield Community and her block, serving as an exemplary model of civic engagement and community support; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we the mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2023 AD, do hereby extend our congratulations to Isabel Mae Payne Giles on the occasion of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and express our very best wishes for continuing health and happiness for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Isabel Mae Payne Giles.



WILLIAM E. HALL  
Alderman – 6th Ward