**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED, THETA PHI LAMBDA CHAPTER, FOR FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT MARLBORO AND CHESTERFIELD COUNTIES AND TO COMMEND THE CHAPTER FOR ITS PROMOTION OF BROTHERHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, AND SERVICE.

Whereas, on December 4, 1906, the first intercollegiate Greek‑letter fraternity for African‑American men was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, by seven visionary young men. Respectfully known as the “Seven Jewels,” these young men recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country. Since its founding, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has played a fundamental role in the positive development of the character and education of more than 175,000 men; and

Whereas, the aims of the fraternity are manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind, and its mission is to develop leaders and promote brotherhood and academic excellence while providing service and advocacy for communities; and

Whereas, in 1966, Alpha Phi Alpha’s national office approved the chartering of Theta Phi Lambda Chapter with the following members: Edward B. Butler, Boyd Gandy, Woodrow Jackson, Wilbert S. Motley, James “Jimmy” McLeod, Ernest Robinson, and Maurice Waddell, and this group created a legacy that has perpetuated Alpha Phi Alpha’s motto, “First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All”; and

Whereas, we honor the legacy of the ten chapter members who are now deceased: Herbert Ash, Ralph Dupree, Ernest Robinson, Joseph Morris, Boyd Gandy, Sammie E. Jackson, Jeremiah Bradley, Maurice Waddell, Henry L. Marshall, and James S. McLeod, Sr.; and

Whereas, in 2018, the members are Woodrow Blair, Michael Cannon, Eugene Crawford, Sr., John Willie David, Mark Davis, Frederick Freeman, Herbert H. Gould, John T. Henegan, Jr., Ronald B. Henegan, Sr., James Hillian, Ronnie Moore, Clarence Page, Anthony T. Waymyers, Marlon Prince, Daniel Scott, and Leon Nivens. These members continue to empower the Marlboro and Chesterfield communities through service initiatives and activities such as the Beautillion, educational programs and scholarships, healthy lifestyles, economics, entrepreneurship, dressing for success, voter registration drives, and public speaking; and

Whereas, consistent with the fraternity’s mission of community service and leadership, Theta Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha continues to sponsor the Community Achievement Awards program to recognize and honor leaders in the field of economics, as well as in social, political, and cultural areas; youth baseball teams; AMIKIDS Camp Bennettsville; and leadership forums; and

Whereas, annually since 2003, on the last Saturday of February, Theta Phi Lambda Chapter has provided an extensive forum for youth featuring local and state professionals; and

Whereas, partners of the chapter include the 4th Judicial Solicitor’s Office, Northeastern Technical College, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Sheriff’s Department, and numerous church leaders and agencies, all working together to promote civic pride and community service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Theta Phi Lambda Chapter, for fifty years of service to communities throughout Marlboro and Chesterfield counties and commend the chapter for its promotion of brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Theta Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha.

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