**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE ETA ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR THE STELLAR CONTRIBUTIONS ITS MEMBERS HAVE MADE TO THEIR COMMUNITY IN YORK AND CHESTER COUNTIES AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON THEIR CHAPTER’S SIXTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the Senate is pleased to learn that the Eta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., will celebrate sixty‑five years of fellowship with like‑minded women in service to their community on Saturday, March 19, 2022; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest Greek‑letter organization established by African American college‑educated women , and the Eta Alpha Omega Chapter serves Rock Hill, Western York County, and Chester County; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded in Washington, D.C., in 1908 at Howard University to: promote unity and friendship among college women; cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards; study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women to improve their social stature; maintain a progressive interest in college life; and be of service to all mankind; and

Whereas, the sorority’s original sixteen members have grown to over three hundred thousand women worldwide. Its international president, Dr. Glenda Glover, provides leadership to over a thousand chapters throughout the United States and the world; and

Whereas, the theme of the 2018‑2022 International Program is *Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service* and targets HBCU for Life: A Call to Action, Women’s Healthcare and Wellness, Building Your Economic Legacy, The Arts, and Global Impact; and

Whereas, chartered on March 19, 1957, Rock Hill’s Eta Alpha Omega Chapter, part of Cluster VIII of the South Atlantic Region, has grown from sixteen charter members to more than two hundred members and serves Rock Hill, York, Clover, and Chester. In November 1978, Eta Alpha Omega sponsored the chartering of Mu Xi, the Undergraduate Chapter at Winthrop University; and

Whereas, for sixty‑five years the chapter’s significant programs and service projects have met needs in local, national, and international communities, such as: its Debutante Cotillion, a major fundraiser providing high school seniors with college scholarships; asthma health education to kindergarteners; after‑school tutorial programs; Ivy Reading AKAdemy; and Stuff the Bus school supplies; and

Whereas, the chapter sponsors a litany of programs and activities including: seminars and workshops for college preparatory and financial information to college‑bound students; financial literacy workshops; collections for various charitable organizations such as shoes for Soles for Souls, eyeglasses for the Lions Club, and self‑care and household items for local food pantries and Agencies of Assistance; health and wellness issues like human trafficking, domestic abuse, recognition of seniors and caregivers; financial assistance for Clinton College, its local Historically Black College and University; voter information and candidate forums for local political races; voter registration education; cultural activities through Harlem Renaissance art presentations to middle and high school students; health awareness with Pink Goes Red events; clothes and school supplies for students in Africa and Haiti; and neighborhood dedications of Little Free Libraries; and

Whereas, in 2016, Rock Hill School District honored Eta Alpha Omega for donations made to Back‑the‑Pack with the Outstanding Community Partnership Award, and the Western York County NAACP honored the chapter with the Community Service Award; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate values the long and productive service of the members of the Eta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and wish them much fulfillment in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor the Eta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for the stellar contributions its members have made to their community in York and Chester counties and congratulate them upon their chapter’s sixty‑fifth anniversary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to chapter President Benita Lefft, 65th Anniversary Chair Lula M. Robinson, and co‑chairs Rosie Campbell‑Hopkins and Kay Dewalt.

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