**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CHERYL A. HICKMON, NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC., AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Cheryl A. Hickmon at the age of fifty‑nine on January 20, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Hartford, Connecticut, on May 11, 1962, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Ned Hickmon of Hartford, Connecticut, and Bishopville, South Carolina and the late Consuella Anderson Hickmon of Hartford, Connecticut, and Cincinnati, Ohio. She grew up in a loving home with two older brothers, Ned and David Hickmon, both of Hartford, Connecticut; and

Whereas, as a young student at South Carolina State University, Cheryl A. Hickmon began her storied journey with that nation’s largest Black American sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, where she was initiated through the Alpha Xi Chapter in Orangeburg, South Carolina in 1982. She served as the chapter’s president from 1983 to 1984 and as the South Atlantic Regional Representative from 1984 to 1986. The Region currently includes Bermuda, but during her tenure it consisted of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia; and

Whereas, after graduating from South Carolina State University, Cheryl A. Hickmon returned to Hartford, at which time she joined the Hartford Alumnae Chapter and served as the chapter’s president from 2009 to 2013; and

Whereas, her love for Delta was reflected throughout thirty‑nine years of continuous service. Over the years she held numerous elected and appointed positions at the national, regional, and local levels, including national first vice president, national secretary, Eastern regional director, South Atlantic regional representative, chair of the National Scholarship and Standards Committee, and co‑chair of both the National Leadership Academy and the National Documents Review and Revision Task Force; and

Whereas, Cheryl A. Hickmon had the remarkable distinction of attending every national convention since her initiation and participating in a total of one hundred seven conventions and conferences throughout her lifetime. Her election as National President and Chair of the National Board of Directors in November 2021 at the 55th national convention in Atlanta, Georgia was the culmination of her life’s dream as a member of Delta Sigma Theta; and

Whereas, a licensed clinical laboratory technologist, Cheryl A. Hickmon worked in reproductive medical laboratories for over three decades. Most recently, she worked at Montefiore’s Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Health in Hartsdale, New York, a division of the Montefiore Medical Center and a teaching hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. There, she supervised the In Vitro Fertilization Laboratories for Andrology and Endocrinology. Her work provided her great joy in assisting couples with the gift of children; and

Whereas, she shared her skills and services to the communities in which she lived through the NAACP, NCNW, and National Brotherhood of Skiers, and St. Monica’s Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, Cheryl A. Hickman was the recipient of many awards and honors throughout her life, including the Outstanding Accomplishments and Achievement Award from South Carolina State University, inclusion among the NAACP’s 100 Most Influential African Americans in the State of Connecticut, and the Citizen of the Year Award from Tau Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Cheryl A. Hickmon and for the example of integrity, grace, and fortitude she set for all who knew her. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Cheryl A. Hickmon, President and CEO of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and extend their deepest sympathy to her loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Cheryl A. Hickmon.

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