

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY SENATOR JENKINS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and recognizes Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Sigma Rho Omega Chapter on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and recognize Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Sigma Rho Omega
3 Chapter on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, on January 10, 1990, six visionary and devoted members of Alpha
5 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Dr. Alma B. Petteway, Eursla D. Hardy, Janie P.
6 Wagner, Dr. Dorothy L. Holt, Lois P. Coleman, and Harriet N. Williams, accepted the
7 challenge to expand the reach of the sorority in Shreveport, Louisiana, and began the noble
8 work of establishing a second graduate chapter in the city; and

9 WHEREAS, guided by the principles of humanity, integrity, love, and sisterhood,
10 these trail blazing women formed the interest group "Jewels for Humanity" and worked
11 diligently to write bylaws, ensure compliance with national standards, and increase the
12 service footprint in the greater Northwest Louisiana community; and

13 WHEREAS, with the steadfast support of the late Jewel McFarland Thomas, the
14 seventeenth South Central Regional Director, and the addition of twenty-one dynamic
15 sorors, the Sigma Rho Omega Chapter was officially chartered on May 19, 1990, becoming
16 the one hundred eleventh chapter in the sensational South Central Region of Alpha Kappa
17 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

18 WHEREAS, since its inception, Sigma Rho Omega Chapter has remained

1 unwavering in its commitment to Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission of "Service to All Mankind",
2 serving as a beacon of hope, empowerment, and transformative community engagement for
3 thirty-five years; and

4 WHEREAS, over the past thirty-five years, Sigma Rho Omega Chapter has grown
5 into a dynamic force for good, now boasting more than two hundred accomplished members
6 comprised of educators, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, and civic leaders driving
7 impact and innovation in the Northwest Louisiana community and beyond, while proudly
8 recognizing twenty-three Life Members, two Pearl Members, five Golden Sorors, and thirty-
9 one Silver Sorors among its ranks; and

10 WHEREAS, the chapter's signature debutante program, now in its thirty-second year,
11 has mentored, guided, and uplifted more than six hundred fifty high school seniors through
12 comprehensive programs in leadership development, civic engagement, etiquette, college
13 preparation, and personal growth; and

14 WHEREAS, the chapter has proudly awarded more than two hundred and eighty-
15 eight scholarships, fueling educational advancement and generational opportunity across
16 Northwest Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, in just the past ten years, members have completed more than thirty
18 thousand hours of community service through the debutante program alone, and likely more
19 than sixty thousand hours of total service over the past two decades, exemplifying the
20 chapter's continued commitment to meaningful impact and collective uplift; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2015, the chapter further expanded its service capacity through the
22 creation of its philanthropic arm, the Pearls of Humanity Foundation, which supports a wide
23 array of programs and initiatives for sustained community investment; and

24 WHEREAS, Sigma Rho Omega demonstrated its enduring commitment by packing
25 and delivering one thousand Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack (AKA CHIPPTM) bags,
26 providing a remarkable seventeen thousand three hundred eighty-five meals to combat
27 childhood hunger across the Northwest Louisiana community; and

28 WHEREAS, Sigma Rho Omega remains devoted to the International Program
29 Initiatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, including: Empower Our Families,
30 Build Our Economic Wealth, Enhance Our Environment, Advocate for Social Justice, and

1 Uplift Our Local Community, all designed to holistically improve quality of life and uplift
2 the communities they serve.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
4 does hereby commend and recognize Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Sigma Rho
5 Omega Chapter on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 Sigma Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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