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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 288

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Sigma Rho Omega Chapter, on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary

A RESOLUTION

To commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Sigma Rho Omega Chapter, on the 3 occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of its distinguished service to the northwest 4 Louisiana community. 5 WHEREAS, on January 10, 1990, six visionary and devoted members of Alpha 6 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Dr. Alma B. Petteway, Eursla D. Hardy, Janie P. 7 Wagner, Dr. Dorothy L. Holt, Lois P. Coleman, and Harriet N. Williams accepted the 8 challenge to expand the reach of the sorority in Shreveport and began the noble work of 9 establishing a second graduate chapter in the city; and 10 WHEREAS, guided by the principles of humanity, integrity, love, and sisterhood, 11 these trailblazing women formed the interest group "Jewels for Humanity" and worked 12 diligently to write bylaws, ensure compliance with national standards, and increase the 13 service footprint in the greater northwest Louisiana community; and 14 WHEREAS, with the steadfast support of the late Jewel McFarland Thomas, the 17th 15 South Central Regional director, and the addition of twenty-one dynamic sorors, the Sigma 16 Rho Omega Chapter was officially chartered on May 19, 1990, becoming the one hundred 17 eleventh chapter in the Sensational South Central Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, 18 Incorporated; and 19 WHEREAS, since its inception, Sigma Rho Omega Chapter has remained 20 unwavering in its commitment to Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission of "Service to All Mankind", 1

serving as a beacon of hope, empowerment, and transformative community engagement for 2 more than three decades; and 3 WHEREAS, over the past thirty-five years, Sigma Rho Omega Chapter has grown 4 into a dynamic force for good, now boasting over two hundred accomplished members 5 comprised of educators, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, and civic leaders driving 6 impact and innovation in the Northwest Louisiana community and beyond, while proudly 7 recognizing twenty-three Life Members, two Pearl Members, five Golden Sorors, and thirty-8 one Silver Sorors among its ranks; and 9 WHEREAS, the chapter's signature Debutante Program, now in its thirty-second 10 year, has mentored, guided, and uplifted more than six hundred fifty high school seniors 11 through comprehensive programs in leadership development, civic engagement, etiquette, 12 college preparation, and personal growth; and 13 WHEREAS, the chapter has proudly awarded more than two hundred eighty-eight 14 scholarships, fueling educational advancement and generational opportunity across 15 northwest Louisiana; and 16 WHEREAS, in just the past ten years, members have completed more than thirty 17 thousand hours of community service through the Debutante Program and more than sixty 18 thousand hours of total service over the past two decades, exemplifying the chapter's 19 continued commitment to meaningful impact and collective uplift; and 20 WHEREAS, in 2015, the chapter further expanded its service capacity through the 21 creation of its philanthropic arm, the Pearls of Humanity Foundation, which supports a wide 22 array of programs and initiatives for sustained community investment; and 23 WHEREAS, Sigma Rho Omega demonstrated its enduring commitment by packing 24 and delivering 1,153 Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack bags-providing a remarkable 25 17,385 meals to combat childhood hunger across the northwest Louisiana community; and 26 WHEREAS, Sigma Rho Omega remains devoted to the International Program 27 Initiatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, including: Empower Our Families, 28 Build Our Economic Wealth, Enhance Our Environment, Advocate for Social Justice, and 29 Uplift Our Local Community, all designed to holistically improve quality of life and uplift 30 the communities they serve.

- 1 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Louisiana House of Representatives does
- 2 hereby recognize and commend the Sigma Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha
- 3 Sorority, Incorporated, for thirty-five years of exemplary service, steadfast leadership, and
- 4 transformative impact in the northwest Louisiana community and throughout the region.

DIGEST

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Walters

Commends Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Sigma Rho Omega Chapter, on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of its distinguished service to the northwest La. community.