

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. for recognizing women for their personal accomplishments and their contributions for community change.

WHEREAS, it is the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the United States of America and globally through community service and civil and social action with the goal to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Sigma Chapter, founded in 1941, is the oldest chapter in Louisiana and its focus is scholarship, youth development, sisterhood, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., is a nonprofit organization whose aim is to enhance the quality of life within our community via public service, leadership development, and the education of our youth - hallmarks of the organization's programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., has over 100,000 members with more than 500 undergraduate and alumnae chapters throughout the United States, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Canada, Africa, and Korea; and

WHEREAS, sorority members believe in service to others and feel they can achieve any and all things through greater service and greater progress; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically, and economically; and

WHEREAS, annually the Epsilon Sigma Chapter hosts a youth symposium, an activity that encourages the youth to raise their voices on issues that impact them; provides "See It's Soles for Souls" program which provides shoes and other items to children in need; hosts annual Swim 1922 events to reduce incidents of drowning in communities; and sponsors a Rhoer Club offering mentoring opportunities to young girls; and

WHEREAS, the sorority is a committed and loyal supporter of the March of Dimes, St. Jude Children's Hospital, UNCF, and many healthcare awareness walks and campaigns around the community; and

WHEREAS, annually, Epsilon Sigma Chapter hosts the Focus on Women Celebration Luncheon whose proceeds support scholarships to worthy students and this year twelve outstanding women leaders are being recognized for their professional accomplishments and contributions through community service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., for recognizing women for their personal accomplishments and their contributions for community change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE