

Senate Resolution 495

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Lillian Riley Barbour; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on March 15, 2015, Lillian Riley Barbour will be honored during a Diamond
3 Celebration to recognize her 75 years in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the title of Diamond Member is an honor of merit bestowed upon Alpha Kappa
5 Alpha women who have given 75 years of timeless service to their sorority and community
6 on the local, regional, and international levels; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barbour's love for Alpha Kappa Alpha began in 1938 after being
8 introduced to the sorority by a close friend, and she quickly gained an appreciation for the
9 organization's focus on high scholastic achievement, moral standards, and active
10 participation; and
- 11 WHEREAS, on April 23, 1940, Mrs. Barbour began her personal Alpha Kappa Alpha
12 journey at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, in the Alpha Delta Chapter,
13 where she held various roles, including president, secretary, and Ivy Leaf Reporter; she also
14 devoted numerous hours to reading to seniors and children, providing toiletries to senior
15 citizens, and organizing clothing drives for children; and
- 16 WHEREAS, at Morgan State University, Mrs. Barbour developed relationships with
17 like-minded young women and mentors who shaped her philosophy on service and
18 leadership, and as she embarked on a new journey after graduation, she used these skills to
19 draw upon throughout life and in her 30 year career as an educator; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barbour's commitment to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., remained
21 strong as she joined Rho Theta Omega Chapter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she
22 served as chaplain; and

23 WHEREAS, in January, 2005, Mrs. Barbour's Alpha Kappa Alpha journey continued at Rho
24 Zeta Omega Chapter in Marietta, Georgia, where she is a source of wisdom and love in her
25 service on the Golden Citizens committee; and

26 WHEREAS, for 75 years, Lillian Riley Barbour has been tireless in her commitment to serve
27 her community, and she is living a life that is representative of the values of Alpha Kappa
28 Alpha Sorority, Inc.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Lillian Riley Barbour for her community work and mentorship and recognize her
31 years in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lillian Riley
34 Barbour.