

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140

BY REPRESENTATIVE HONORE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Gamma Eta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, upon the celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary, and to designate Wednesday, June 3, 2015, as Gamma Eta Omega Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, was established in 1908 at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and was the first Greek letter organization founded for African American college women; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is a sorority of more than two hundred eighty thousand members representing nine hundred eighty chapters in the United States, the United States Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, and several foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Eta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary of service to the greater Baton Rouge community; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Eta Omega was the first Baton Rouge graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, chartered on May 28, 1940; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Eta Omega chapter has implemented international programs that promote education, health, strong families, economic empowerment, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Eta Omega chapter has programs that have provided invaluable services to the Baton Rouge community over the years, including Arts Camp for Kids, Leadership Fellows Institute, Emerging Young Leaders Academy, and the ASCEND program, all of which focus on building future leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Eta Omega chapter has provided opportunities for education through yearly scholarships given to both local high school and college students to promote the necessity of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Eta Omega chapter has contributed resources to organizations such as St Vincent de Paul, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, Southern University, and Louisiana State University, enriching the lives of local citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Eta Omega chapter is made up of exceptional local women who exhibit strength, leadership, and self-determination and who have dedicated their energies and talents to their community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and express enduring appreciation to the members of the Gamma Eta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for the tremendous honor and pride they bring to their families, friends, the greater Baton Rouge community, the state, and the nation; and does hereby designate Wednesday, June 3, 2015, as Gamma Eta Omega Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Gamma Eta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES