

2017 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mia Geneice Gaines upon becoming a member of the 2016-2017 coterie of debutantes presented by the Nu Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Miss Mia Geneice Gaines upon being selected to join the 2016-2017 coterie of debutantes presented by the Nu Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has the distinction of being the first sorority established by African-American college women; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 1980, the Nu Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was chartered as the second alumnae chapter in the Baton Rouge Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the chapter, through its annual sponsorship of the coterie of debutantes, is able to introduce worthy young ladies into society, provide scholarships for academic achievers, and uphold the sorority's mission to raise the status of African-American girls and women; and

WHEREAS, Miss Mia Geneice Gaines has been selected for the distinguished honor of joining the 2016-2017 coterie of debutantes presented by Nu Gamma Omega; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gaines is the beloved granddaughter of Geneva Jordan, the late Lionel James, the late Margie Gaines, and the late Henry Gaines; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gaines is a senior at Dutchtown High School in Geismar, Louisiana, where she maintains an impressive 3.28 GPA; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of the Dutchtown High School track and field team, vocal ensemble, thespians, and Honor Society; she also serves as a youth intern at Healing Place Church; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Miss Gaines plans to attend Louisiana State University where she will pursue a degree in Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend upon the dedication and talents of young people like Miss Gaines; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gaines merits a special measure of commendation for the pride and honor she brings to her family, friends, community, and to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Miss Mia Geneice Gaines upon joining the 2016-2017 coterie of debutantes presented by the Nu Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her outstanding achievements and singular contributions; and does hereby extend to her best wishes for continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mia Geneice Gaines.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES