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2024 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority on their 90th anniversary.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority on their 90th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded on the campus of Southern University in Baton Rouge in 1934 by several dynamic, intellectual, and professional women, including charter members Erelene L. Bradford, Minnie Champ, Inez W. Chrisentery, Isabel M. Herson, Marjorie L. Hines, and Eula P. Smith; and

WHEREAS, other Zetas joining the chapter were Octavia H. Clark, Emma N. Mayberry, Rebecca F. Netterville, and Camille Shade; and

WHEREAS, the chapter was initially led by the late Soror Minnie Champ, who served as the first President until her departure from the university; and

WHEREAS, there have been sixteen additional distinguished Basilei: Ruby F. Henton, Isabel M. Herson (served two terms), Fannie Doris Lusk, Eula P. Smith, Grace S. Jackson, Rebecca F. Netterville, Glady B. White, Ardessie C. Prophet, Inez W. Chrisentery, Donnie Faye Hull, Georgia D. Sanders, Geraldine A. Simms, Mary G. Burton, Bernestine B. McGee, Constance F. Carroll, Julie S. Carnes, Melba Wilson, Rachel Thomas, PhD, and the incumbent Cynthia Sampey; and

WHEREAS, Mu Zeta Chapter has made significant and lasting contributions through its outreach service activities and projects, including holding numerous national and regional

recognitions, sponsoring the chartering of Alpha Gamma Zeta Chapter in New Orleans, Omega Eta Chapter in Lafayette, Theta Theta Theta Chapter in Hammond, and two undergraduate chapters – Beta Alpha Chapter at Southern University and Rho Epsilon Chapter at Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, the chapter has been instrumental in contributing financially to civic, social, and religious organizations, awarding scholarships, providing cultural programs for the Baton Rouge community, sponsoring the Stork's Nest program to promote prenatal care, and establishing a Zeta Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mu Zeta Chapter has also sponsored youth groups, the Latch-Key Program funded by the State Department of Education, and the Zeta Saturday Academy, and the chapter has adopted the Community Association for the Welfare of School Children (CAWSC) as an agency for volunteer services; and

WHEREAS, the chapter's significant achievements include the construction of Zeta House on Harding Boulevard in Baton Rouge, which houses the Archival Center for all chapters in Louisiana, and the recognition of outstanding fifth-grade students enrolled in local schools; and

WHEREAS, the Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has continuously demonstrated an unwavering commitment to service, scholarship, and community enrichment, contributing to the welfare and development of the Baton Rouge community for more than eighty years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority on their 90th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Kathy Liberty.

DIGEST

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