

House Resolution 1139

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Bennett of the 94th, Smyre of the 135th, and Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on its
2 75th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 22, 2018, the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha
4 Sorority, Inc., will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding as an organization of
5 college educated women who are actively involved in various public service initiatives; and

6 WHEREAS, this international service organization has hundreds of chapters throughout the
7 United States and globally and has faithfully maintained two important themes: the
8 importance of the individual and the strength of an organization of empowered women; and

9 WHEREAS, the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter was founded on March 22, 1943, in Columbus,
10 Georgia, at the Second Avenue residence of Emily Carruthers Chester and chartered under the
11 direction and leadership of the Southeastern Regional Director, Colley Riley; and

12 WHEREAS, the organization of the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter was the fulfillment of a
13 dream realized through the hard work of Carrie Foster Gallimore, the first chapter president,
14 and nine other women who joined her in this commendable endeavor; and

15 WHEREAS, on December 12, 2005, the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter established SISTERS,
16 Incorporated (Sisters in Scholarship, Technology, Economics, Refinement, and Services),
17 a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization to support chapter programs and charitable and
18 educational causes that bears a name suggested by chapter member Representative Carolyn
19 Hugley; and

20 WHEREAS, the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter has continuously and successfully served the
21 community through its many programs, including training and seminars promoting unity
22 within the community in matters of educational, cultural, and civic life and assisting young
23 people in achieving higher education through scholarships and awards by creating the Rosa

24 Parks Women of Courage Breakfast annual event that has provided more than \$200,000 in
25 scholarships to students in the Chattahoochee Valley; and

26 WHEREAS, the women of the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter have been pillars of the
27 Columbus, Georgia, community, having made a significant impact for more than 75 years
28 on the citizens of that area through their dedication to make a difference for all mankind; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
30 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body congratulate the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa
33 Alpha Sorority, Inc., on its 75th anniversary and extend best wishes for its continued growth
34 and success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.