

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Wanda Huhn upon her installation as president of National Kappa Kappa Iota, Inc.

WHEREAS, Kappa Kappa Iota is the oldest professional organization for educators in the United States, having first been formed as a sorority for women educators in 1921 as the Order of the Blue Blue Violet in Oklahoma; the name was changed to Kappa Kappa Iota in 1931; in 1949, Kappa Kappa Iota was nationalized; and in 1995, National Kappa Kappa Iota, Inc., became a nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Alpha Chapter of Shreveport was organized in 1951 and by 1954, five chapters coalesced to form Eta State, bringing Louisiana into the fold of the National Kappa Kappa Iota, Inc.; currently there are more than twenty chapters in Eta State with three hundred seventeen members; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of National Kappa Kappa Iota, Inc., is to promote the advancement of education by providing an effective network for the exchange of education and teaching practices by educators, and membership consists of state chapters, local chapters, and members-at-large; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Ms. Wanda Huhn joined National Kappa Kappa Iota, Inc., and has worked faithfully and diligently since becoming a member; on the state level, Ms. Huhn has served as Eta State treasurer, chair of several committees, and two terms as Eta State president; she also has been elected to office in the national organization as recording secretary, third vice president, second vice president, and first vice president; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the more than two thousand eight hundred members of National Kappa Kappa Iota, Inc., have elected Ms. Huhn as their next national president, and her academic credentials merit such a post: from teaching high school mathematics, English, and computer classes in the mid-1980s, Ms. Huhn has advanced to her current post of

professor at Louisiana State University-Shreveport in mathematics, instructing college students in algebra, geometry, math for elementary teachers, and math materials and methods; and

WHEREAS, in the years following its inception, National Kappa Kappa Iota, Inc., has expanded its mission to include community and social projects, encouraging its members and member communities to support programs that provide shelter and counseling for victims of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, when the national convention was held in Shreveport in 2011, Ms. Huhn as Eta State treasurer was instrumental in a books and bears donation drive that provided books to Shreveport's Community Renewal Program and bears to the Caddo Sheriff's Department, bringing smiles of joy to many children in the Shreveport-Bossier area; and

WHEREAS, the National Kappa Kappa Iota, Inc., annual convention's final event each year is a banquet at which its officers are installed, and at the organization's sixty-fifth convention in Atlanta in June of 2014, Ms. Wanda Huhn will be installed as president, and it is appropriate to commend her upon her election to this prestigious office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Wanda Huhn upon the occasion of her installation as president of National Kappa Kappa Iota, Inc., and does hereby extend best wishes for an especially effective and educationally prosperous term of office for Ms. Huhn and the organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms. Wanda Huhn.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES