

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 240

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Sigma Chapter of Delta Zeta Sorority at Louisiana State University for one hundred years of service and philanthropy to the Baton Rouge community and to recognize the weekend of September 22-24, 2017, as Pink & Green Weekend in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the Sigma Chapter of Delta Zeta at Louisiana State University for its outstanding achievements in academics and extracurricular activities as well as generous philanthropic and community service to the Baton Rouge community since its founding on November 24, 1917; and

WHEREAS, Delta Zeta Sorority was founded on October 24, 1902, at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, when six courageous young women joined together to form a social sorority with a vision of lifetime sisterhood fostered by ideals that they cherished; and

WHEREAS, Delta Zeta was the first sorority to be founded at Miami University, and the six founders laid a foundation for the sorority that would have a national reach; and

WHEREAS, Alfa Lloyd, Mary Collins, Anna Keen, Julia Bishop, Mabelle Minton, and Anne Simmons bonded together as they faced the challenges of starting a sorority on a male-dominated campus, as women had just been given full status as students at Miami University, and met with Dr. Guy Potter Benton, president of the university, to make their idea a reality; and

WHEREAS, Delta Zeta has enriched the lives of more than 247,000 alumnae and collegiate members in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Sigma Chapter of Delta Zeta was founded at Louisiana State University (LSU) on November 24, 1917, and maintains a high standard of excellence within its national organization and on the LSU campus; and

WHEREAS, by living the Delta Zeta creed every day, which states, "To those whom my life may touch in slight measure, may I give graciously of what is mine", Delta Zetas share a common purpose: to make life fuller, more meaningful, and more rewarding and for the sisterhood to realize the promise of friendship, personal development, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Sigma Chapter of Delta Zeta currently has more than three hundred active members and a remarkably large alumnae base in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, the Sigma Chapter continues to hold academics at a high level and hosts regular chapter study events as well as new member study hours, and each April, members participate in Academics April to master study skills and other methods of reaching academic success; and

WHEREAS, members of Sigma Chapter have graciously given of their time and talents in the Baton Rouge community, volunteering for the Emerge Center and St. Lillian Academy to enrich the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the Sigma Chapter annually hosts the Miss LSU Pageant to raise funds to support the Emerge Center and St. Lillian Academy in Baton Rouge, providing scholarships to students in need; additionally, the pageant supports various Baton Rouge nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter has generously supported Alzheimer's Services of the Capitol Area and the Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center, and on the national level, the Sigma Chapter financially supports the Painted Turtle Camp and the Starkey Hearing Foundation; and

WHEREAS, for ten decades, the Sigma Chapter of Delta Zeta has positively impacted the Baton Rouge community through their support of valued organizations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the weekend of September 22-24, 2017, as Pink & Green Weekend in Louisiana and does hereby commend the collegiate and alumnae

women of the Sigma Chapter of Delta Zeta for one hundred years of service and philanthropy to the Baton Rouge community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the National Council of Delta Zeta Sorority, the Southern Regional Collegiate director, the South Central Area Alumnae director, and the presidents of the Sigma Chapter and the Baton Rouge Area DZ Alumnae Chapter.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES