

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVES DUPLESSIS, ECHOLS, FISHER,  
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. on the occasion of seventy-five years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, on February 3, 1947, the Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was organized and chartered in Shreveport, Louisiana, by Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace, along with charter members Irma Green Jackson, Mae Etta Scott, Nannie Lou Leech, Zurline Baker, Mable Walker, Maxine Chambers, and Hattie Fletcher; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 1947, the first fundraiser of Delta Lambda Omega was held as a piano concert performed by Lois Towles in the auditorium at Central Colored High School; as the chapter's membership continued to increase, its priorities and goals expanded to serve Caddo, Bossier, and DeSoto parishes; and

WHEREAS, since 1949, Delta Lambda Omega has awarded scholarships annually; the James Sylvester Hall Senior Luncheon recognizes the top African-American girls from local schools and awards ten competitive scholarships to college bound senior girls; and

WHEREAS, Delta Lambda Omega is proud of its members who have and do serve on the international, regional, and local levels in the esteemed sisterhood, and recognizes Mrs. Dorothy S. Johnson, now deceased, who served as the fifteenth South Central Regional director, and Ms. Tari T. Bradford who served as the twenty-second South Central Regional director; and

WHEREAS, Delta Lambda Omega has enthusiastically implemented a variety of programs, events, and educational offerings to enhance the lives of community members; the chapter is widely known for the Shoe Bank Program, which provides shoes and socks for underprivileged school-aged students; in 2018, the chapter was acknowledged as one of the longest serving operational programs by the national organization, Reading is Fundamental, for sponsoring and implementing reading programs and free book distributions for over forty years; and, in February 2020, at a gala in celebration of the 112th Founders'

Day of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the chapter awarded a donation of three thousand dollars to Southern University Shreveport and Grambling State University; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Women's Health Initiative, the chapter partnered with LSU Health Shreveport to host the Feist-Weiller Mobile Mammography unit, which offered free mammograms in the parking lot of the Ivy Crown Building; support of the American Heart Association, the chapter's 2020 Pink Goes Red activity featured heart healthy meals created by minority-owned small businesses and offered blood pressure checks and heart healthy exercises; this program was widely publicized by KTBS, the local ABC affiliate television station; and

WHEREAS, the chapter members of Delta Lambda Omega render services to various community organizations including an Alzheimer's support group at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church Life Center, donations of eyeglasses to Lions Club International, and multiple donations of shoes in support of the Soles4Souls shoe drive; and

WHEREAS, Delta Lambda Omega has also contributed financial donations to the LSU Health Shreveport Office of Diversity Affairs, the American Cancer Society, the Northwest Louisiana Sickle Cell Disease Association, the NAACP, the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, and Providence House, a family homeless shelter for women; and

WHEREAS, under the 2022 presidency of Mrs. Charlene M. Voorhies, the Delta Lambda Omega Chapter has two hundred eighty-one members, and as a premier chapter, the Delta Lambda Omega continues to offer educational programs and academic scholarships, and strives to make a positive change and support like-minded organizations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. on the occasion of seventy-five years of dedicated service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES