

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 801

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Annie L. Barnes on being named the Omicron Omega Golden Soror of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Annie L. Barnes, who was selected as the Omicron Omega Golden Soror of the Year by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and will be honored at the 110th Founders' Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is a true exemplar of the Greek system at work in the present day yet firmly rooted in its historic mission, having grown from a single chapter established at Howard University in Washington, D.C., to an international organization with more than 250,000 members in 1,012 chapters throughout the United States and across six countries; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Beta Epsilon Omega chapter since 1999, Annie Barnes has used her love of sewing on behalf of Sewing Into Dreams with Stitches of Hope to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and chaired the Little Dresses for Africa project for Alpha Kappa Alpha to mobilize her chapter to sew and distribute more than 620 dresses to girls in several villages in Africa; and

WHEREAS, Annie Barnes has achieved Golden Soror status and Life Membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and has served as both a chair and member of a number of the organization's committees; and

WHEREAS, a retired educator, Mrs. Barnes enjoys the love and support of her husband, Dr. Gene A. Barnes; their two daughters, Yavonka Barnes McGee and Pamela Barnes Burt; and their three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Annie Barnes who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Annie L. Barnes on her receipt of the Omicron Omega Golden Soror of the Year award and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.