

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 808

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Theta-Delta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society at Austin Peay State University upon being named the 2009 Best Chapter of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to the members of those exemplary organizations who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good and advance the pursuit of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Peay State University Theta-Delta Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society is one such exemplary organization that was recently named the Best Chapter of the Year, Division III, for 2009; and

WHEREAS, established in 1961, the Theta-Delta Chapter is the third oldest chapter in Tennessee and is one of over 740 chapters of Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society, which was founded in 1921 to promote the study of history and today is one of the largest honor societies in existence; and

WHEREAS, this special recognition for the Theta-Delta Chapter is most appropriate, since the Chapter has substantially increased its membership ranks and activities under the guidance and support of advisor and sponsor, Dr. Minoa D. Uffelman; and

WHEREAS, raising the visibility of the organization at Austin Peay, Theta-Delta Chapter members have participated fully in numerous campus activities and events, including Trivia Night, Co-ed Flag Football, Chili Cook Off, Homecoming competitions, and G.H.O.S.T.; and

WHEREAS, pursuing academic excellence in the field of history, the Chapter has sponsored numerous roundtable discussions and special lectures with noted historians, served

as volunteers for the prestigious Ohio Valley History Conference, and claimed three best paper awards at the 2009 Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference; and

WHEREAS, active in the community, Chapter members have aided in the commemoration of the Trail of Tears at Port Royal State Park in 2008, toured historic Dunbar Cave, and worked tirelessly on the annual book drive for Friends of the Library; and

WHEREAS, the members of Theta-Delta Chapter have also sponsored picnics for the History Department and history majors, served lunch to history faculty and staff, and enjoyed the dedication of the History Majors Student Lounge; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we specially recognize such an outstanding organization and the remarkable young scholars who comprise its membership as they bring great honor to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the members of the Theta-Delta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society at Austin Peay State University for their many accomplishments and congratulate them upon winning the 2009 Best Chapter of the Year, Division III Award.

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