

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 143

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A RESOLUTION to honor the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society at Union University on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, this 2013, Union University's Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society is celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of its chartering in 1953; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has won ten straight Phi Alpha Theta Best Chapter Awards since 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has initiated 421 new members into the society since receiving its charter in 1953; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta saw Dr. Stephen Carls, the chapter faculty advisor for the past thirty years, elected national vice president of the society in January 2012, as a preparatory step to becoming the national president for two years beginning in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has long received the dedicated and loyal support of Union University history department faculty members, including Dr. Henry Allen, Dr. Keith Bates, Dr. Judy LeForge, Dr. Terry Lindley, and Dr. David Thomas; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has had student members attend and, in virtually every case, present history papers at Phi Alpha Theta biennial conventions in New Orleans (2004), Philadelphia (2006), Albuquerque (2008), San Diego (2010), and Orlando (2012); and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has had student members travel to locations in Tennessee, Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, or Mississippi to present papers at Phi Alpha Theta regional conferences almost every year for the past quarter of a century; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta hosted the Tennessee Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference in 1991 and another state regional conference in 2003 to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has had fifteen student members win prizes for outstanding papers at Phi Alpha Theta regional conferences since 1992 and one student win an award for a superior presentation style; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has for several years given special recognition in the form of certificates of commendation and books to student members who present papers at regional conferences; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has for many years recognized graduating chapter members with honor cords to wear at their commencement exercises; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has long honored annually a chapter member who has a record of outstanding academic achievement in history; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has over the years recognized the outstanding leadership of each chapter president with a certificate of appreciation given at the history department's annual awards banquet; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has contributed \$2,500 to the purchase of history books for Union University's Emma Waters Summar Library with the prize money from its Best Chapter Awards; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has a tradition of providing ushers for the Union University history department's annual Carls-Schwerdfeger History Lectureship, which attracts several hundred people each year; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has sponsored a community service project at an historic site in West Tennessee each November since 2004 as a part of Union University's Campus and Community Day; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta did a service project at Shiloh National Military Park in April 2006, and helped at a fundraising 5-K race in September 2012, in support of hippotherapy for children; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta raised money in April 2006, to help restore historic sites in Mississippi damaged by Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta had student members wearing period costumes help at the booth of the Old Country Store in Jackson, Tennessee, at a March of Dimes fundraiser in March 2011, and assist at several history-related events at Casey Jones Village in Jackson, Tennessee, in 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has for numerous years sponsored special events for its members such as annual French Christmas dinners, fall pizza parties, and spring cookouts; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta dedicated a chapter time capsule on Union's campus in 2006 to be opened on the 100th anniversary of the chapter in 2053; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta designated a special day in 2009 to cheer for a Phi Alpha Theta member pitching in a varsity baseball game and another special day in 2010 for chapter members to support Union University's varsity basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta sponsored a field trip to Shiloh in the spring of 2012 to watch a reenactment of the Civil War battle of Shiloh on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has had two students receive national Phi Alpha Theta scholarships for graduate study in history since 2010; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the members and faculty advisors of the Delta-Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at Union University, both past and present, on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary as we extend our best wishes for much continued success in all its future endeavors.

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