

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 620

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma upon the occasion of its eightieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those venerable organizations that dedicate themselves to the betterment of their communities and celebrate with such groups during major milestones in their storied history; and

WHEREAS, one such invaluable institution is the Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, which is celebrating its eightieth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Delta Kappa Gamma is an international sorority that was founded in Austin, Texas, in 1929. A professional honor society of key women educators from eighteen countries, its mission is to promote excellence in education and the professional and personal growth of women educators; and

WHEREAS, the Knoxville-based Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was organized in March 1938. Adhering to the sorority's mission, the members of Zeta strive to provide grants, scholarships, and leadership and professional development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, recent projects of the Zeta Chapter include the Spotlight on an Educator program, which brings the Zeta members together to honor one of their own and fulfill her wish list of needed classroom items; and

WHEREAS, the Zeta Chapter performs a number of other charitable endeavors throughout the year, including making scarves and pillows for cancer patients, walker caddies for nursing homes, "feelie quilts" for Alzheimer centers, quilts for Children's Hospital, and gift bags for the Ronald McDonald House. Zeta members also volunteer in classrooms, register

children for the Imagination Library at Boo at the Zoo, wrap gifts for the Angel Tree, and provide assistance with the Festival of Reading; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Zeta Chapter are part of a genuine sisterhood, not only committed to their noble mission of academic excellence but also to each of their fellow members; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly recognize and congratulate this venerable sisterhood for its dedication to public service and the education of the citizens of this great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma upon the occasion of its eightieth anniversary, applaud the sorority's many charitable endeavors, and extend to each of its members our best wishes for every future success.

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