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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority for its many contributions to the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority for its many contributions to the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community; public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmarks of the organization's programs and activities; Sigma Gamma Rho addresses the concerns that impact society educationally, civically, and economically; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized on November 12, 1922, in Indianapolis, Indiana, by seven young educators: Mary Lou Allison Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian White Marbury, Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae Dulin Redford, Bessie M. Downey Martin and Cubena McClure; the group became an incorporated national collegiate sorority on December 30, 1929, when a charter was granted to Alpha chapter at Butler University; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho has become an international service organization comprised of women from every profession; Sigma Gamma Rho offers its members opportunities to develop their unique talents through leadership training and involvement in sorority activities; sorority activities provide an atmosphere where friendships and professional contacts are developed which often lead to bonds that last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, The service of Sigma Gamma Rho national programs includes Project Africa and Project Mwanamugimu, Operation Big Book Bag, Sigma Youth Symposium, and other programs; through active participation in programs and through networking with other organizations such as the National Council of Negro Women, the Urban League and the NAACP, Sigma's legacy of service to improve the quality of life for all mankind contin-

ues; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. gives leadership, service, and resources toward removing barriers and inequalities so that all people of America may develop their potential and exercise full citizenship; through support of human rights legislation, service to and support of grass roots individual and community development activity, and through active participation in the programs of affiliate and other organizations, they are committed to working to improve the quality of our lives and the society they serve; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho's commitment to service is expressed in its slogan, "Greater Service, Greater Progress"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority for its many contributions to the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.