



# State of Tennessee

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 603

By Senators Dickerson, Henry

and

Representatives Gilmore, Love

A RESOLUTION to designate the week of July 13-20, 2014, as Sigma Nu Week in Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to honor and specially distinguish those organizations whose stated goals advance the most noble precepts of human endeavors and whose history of service in pursuing those goals represents an outstanding example to all who are touched by that record; and

WHEREAS, fraternities and sororities have played a major role in American college life since 1776 and have been major contributors to the cultural, social, and civic lives of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc., is an outstanding example of the Greek system at work and is an organization possessed of a long tradition of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Nu Fraternity was founded in 1869 at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, and is celebrating its 145th year in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Nu Fraternity is dedicated to its mission: "To develop ethical leaders inspired by the principles of love, honor and truth. To foster the personal growth of each man's mind, heart and character. To perpetuate lifelong friendships and commitment to the fraternity"; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Nu Fraternity conducted its first national convention, the Grand Chapter, July 9-10, 1884, at the historic Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the first Grand Chapter provided the foundation for the evolution and growth of Sigma Nu Fraternity into one of the largest and most successful men's fraternities in North America, having initiated more than 235,000 men at 279 collegiate chapters since its founding; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Nu Fraternity established seven collegiate chapters in Tennessee, including Sigma Chapter at Vanderbilt University in 1886; Beta Omicron Chapter at Sewanee, University of the South in 1889; Epsilon Eta Chapter at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1921; Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Rhodes College in 1934; Theta Iota Chapter at Middle Tennessee State University in 1970; Theta Chi Chapter at East Tennessee State University in 1973; and Kappa Mu Chapter at Austin Peay State University in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Nu Fraternity will conduct its sixty-sixth Grand Chapter in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 16-20, 2014, at the Omni Hotel and the Country Music Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the members of Sigma Nu should be commended for their exemplary civic contributions, public policy service, scholarship, and partnerships forged to implement the fraternity's mission; 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 join with the members of Sigma Nu Fraternity in observance of Sigma Nu Week in Nashville, July 13-20, 2014, and commend the estimable members of Sigma Nu Fraternity for their many civic contributions through the execution of their mission.

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

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ADOPTED: April 9, 2014

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR