



# State of Tennessee

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 197

### By Representative Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., upon the celebration of their ninety-seventh anniversary.

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in paying tribute to those estimable organizations that are celebrating milestones in their history; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group is Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., a leading national service organization, that celebrated its ninety-seventh anniversary on November 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority was founded at Butler University, in Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 12, 1922, by seven young educators, namely Mary Lou Allison Gardner Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian White Marbury, Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae Annette Dulin Redford, Bessie Mae Downey Rhoades Martin, and Cubena McClure; and

WHEREAS, these distinguished founders sought to use their collective strength to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the United States and globally through community service and civil and social action; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development; its members, affiliates, staff, and community partners work to create and support initiatives that align with this vision; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority boasts a membership of more than 85,000 individuals with chapters across the United States and overseas, including Bermuda, the Bahamas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Canada, Germany, and Korea; and

WHEREAS, the chapters of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority have made significant contributions to the progress and growth of the State of Tennessee and America, and their values of sisterhood, respect, honesty, accountability, integrity, excellence, and communication have allowed them to enhance their esteemed legacy of service; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to honor and commend the past and present members of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority for their estimable service to the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and honor the members of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., for their meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, congratulate them upon the celebration of their ninety-seventh anniversary, and wish them every success in all 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.

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ADOPTED: January 27, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Sexton', is written over a horizontal line.

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES