

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 456**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated, for more than 70 years of outstanding service to its members; and

**WHEREAS**, Organized in May of 1930, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., the National Pan-Hellenic Council is dedicated to facilitating the collaborative agenda of its affiliate organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Its charter members were the Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi fraternities and the Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, and the Zeta Phi Beta sororities; in the 1930s, the Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma fraternities and the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority joined the council, and in 1997, the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity became the ninth member of the organization; in 1937, the organization was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois and became known as the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated; and

**WHEREAS**, Committed to ensuring the success of its member organizations, the National Pan-Hellenic Council strives to meet a number of objectives; it helps establish and facilitate local councils, conducts regional conferences, holds a national convention and undergraduate leadership conference, and conducts periodic workshops for local council leaders on operating procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, The council contributes to other community groups by working cooperatively with such organizations as the National Black Leadership Roundtable, the National Coalition of Black

Voter Participation, the United Negro College Fund, and the Association of Fraternity Advisors; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Pan-Hellenic Council has served as a unifying force for its member fraternities and sororities and has played a large role in their well-being and successful endeavors; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated, for more than 70 years of exceptional leadership; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 27, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate