

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 485

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Rai Cole Malone, who is celebrating her 25th year as a member of Alpha Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, with a reception on March 12, 2011, in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was begun on the campus of Howard University by nine college students who envisioned an organization that would focus on courageous and capable women as individuals and an organization of strength; the sorority has grown into a union of thousands of women who are students in 400 institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Xi Omega Chapter was established in Dallas on June 6, 1929, by a Howard University graduate who wanted to start a hometown chapter of the first Greek letter sorority for African American women; and

WHEREAS, Members of the chapter began working immediately to fulfill the purpose of the organization through programs of service; the chapter encourages young women to develop high standards of character and excellence in educational achievement, and it provides college scholarships and loans to Dallas students, social services and support for women and children, and assistance for developing art, cultural, and educational institutions and groups; and

WHEREAS, As Rai Cole Malone celebrates her 25th year as a member of Alpha Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, she will undoubtedly be joined by many of the chapter's 400 dedicated members who share her commitment to service and to improving the quality of life for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby congratulate Rai Cole Malone on her 25 years of service as a member of Alpha Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and extend to her best wishes for an enjoyable celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her to commemorate this special event.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate