

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 376

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Shirley Brooks Barton for 50 years of outstanding service as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Barton was initiated into the Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha as an undergraduate student at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, she began a career of service as a physical education teacher at Sims Elementary School in La Marque, and she joined the sorority's Beta Phi Omega Chapter in Galveston; and

WHEREAS, She moved to Dallas in 1968 and embarked on a rewarding career with the Dallas Independent School District at R. L. Thornton Elementary School; she went on to become the first African American teacher at Adelle Turner Elementary School, and her work with students at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School inspired her to earn a master of education degree and begin serving as a counselor; and

WHEREAS, After her move to Dallas, Mrs. Barton became an active member of the Alpha Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, and over the years, she has served the chapter in numerous leadership positions; most importantly, she has upheld the sorority's mission of service to others through her work with innumerable young citizens; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary lady, Shirley Barton is respected and admired by many, and she is indeed deserving of recognition as a Golden Soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Shirley Brooks Barton on her 50 years of dedicated service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and on her many achievements and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 16, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate