

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate of Sigma Gamma Rho
2 Sorority is celebrating its 70th anniversary in Houston on June 8,
3 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, On June 10, 1949, the Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate
5 was organized as the Sigma Comrade of Gamma Sigma Chapter by some of
6 the chapter's officers; these visionary sorors included Lorene
7 Lancelin, Merle K. Davis, Maudest Stewart, and Ernestine P. Smith;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The name of the group was changed in 1951 to
10 incorporate the Greek word for friend, "philo"; three years later,
11 Sigma Gamma Rho officially approved the new moniker, a fitting
12 reflection of the deep bonds of friendship developed by the members
13 as they work together for the greater good; and

14 WHEREAS, The Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate sponsors a number of
15 worthwhile initiatives, including a scholarship program; upholding
16 the Sigma Gamma Rho motto "Great Service, Greater Progress," the
17 members also contribute to the national organization's charitable
18 endeavors and support for such outstanding organizations as the
19 NAACP, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the National Urban
20 League, and the United Negro College Fund; and

21 WHEREAS, Over the course of seven decades, the members of the
22 Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate have demonstrated an exceptional
23 commitment to the enduring mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, and
24 it is indeed a pleasure to join in celebrating this significant

1 milestone in the history of the chapter; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate the Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate of
4 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority on its 70th anniversary and extend to the
5 members sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1559

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1559 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House