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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.