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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 557

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending Delta Beta Sigma Chapter.

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WHEREAS, in May 2018, Delta Beta Sigma, the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., will celebrate 50 years of providing student scholarships and rendering service to the Hampton Roads community; and

WHEREAS, Delta Beta Sigma Chapter was organized in Norfolk on May 18, 1968; throughout its history, the group has promoted sisterhood among its members while working to foster public service, leadership, and educational opportunities for young people; and

WHEREAS, shortly after its founding, Delta Beta Sigma Chapter received a generous donation from prominent Virginia businesswoman Rosa Alexander; the donation helped the group establish its Rosa Alexander Human Development Scholarship Fund, which has provided scholarships to numerous deserving students; and

WHEREAS, in March 2007, Delta Beta Sigma Chapter continued its tradition of giving by starting the Ruth W. Diggs/Annabel Scarborough, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Endowment Fund at Norfolk State University; the fund is used to provide financial assistance to members of the university's Gamma Nu Undergraduate Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Delta Beta Sigma Chapter has spearheaded several community service initiatives in the Hampton Roads Region, including working with the Adopt-a-Street program to care for Brambleton Avenue in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, since 2014, Delta Beta Sigma Chapter and members of the South Hampton Roads Pan-Hellenic Council have partnered with the American Cancer Society on an initiative to encourage 80 percent of American adults over age 50 to get colorectal cancer screenings; to date, the chapter has distributed over 1,000 pieces of literature regarding the screenings in housing developments and community centers in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Delta Beta Sigma Chapter's dedication to service saw it selected as a finalist for *Coastal Virginia Magazine's* Giving Back Awards; and

WHEREAS, through its scholarships and service programs, Delta Beta Sigma Chapter has lived up to its slogan of "Greater Service, Greater Progress" and won the respect and admiration of the community; and

WHEREAS, Delta Beta Sigma Chapter will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a reception at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Virginia Beach on May 19, 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Delta Beta Sigma Chapter for its long service to the residents of Hampton Roads on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Delta Beta Sigma Chapter as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its legacy of generosity and service and best wishes for its continued success.

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