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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 429

Offered February 20, 2017

Commending Rho Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Patrons—McClellan, Dance and Lucas; Delegates: Aird, Bagby, Bourne, Hester, McQuinn, Price, Rasoul, Torian, Tyler and Ward

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Rho Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is marking the 25th anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, the Rho Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is the first black Greek sorority to be chartered on the campus of the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded in 1913, by 22 African American undergraduate women at Howard University, based on the principles of sisterhood, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, the Rho Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was chartered on April 26, 1992, by eight women seeking to build an organization committed to public service at the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the charter members of Rho Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority who set a standard of excellence were Phyllis Hollimon, Tanya Tyree, Camisha Jones, Kimberly Greene Brown, Rhonda Gaines, Jennifer McClellan, Nikki Anderson, and Robin Washington Nesmith; and

WHEREAS, the women of the Rho Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are dedicated to empowering the community, while also maintaining high academic and moral standards through the bonds of unbreakable sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Rho Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority seeks to enrich the University of Richmond campus and African American community through programs such as Church with the Deltas, Lupus Walk, Voter Registration Drive, Fitness Workshops, Domestic Violence Awareness Drive, and Mr. Rho Rho Pageant; and

WHEREAS, throughout its proud history, members of the Rho Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority have made many significant contributions to the University of Richmond campus, the greater Richmond community, and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Rho Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., on celebrating its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Rho Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the chapter's commitment to serving the community and setting a positive example of leadership and excellence.

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