

## 2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 625

*Commending the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.*

Agreed to by the Senate, June 1, 2022

WHEREAS, for 75 years, the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has helped young men at Hampton University develop leadership skills and has conducted generous outreach to the members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded in 1906 on the campus of Cornell University by seven college students who recognized a need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in America; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is the oldest Greek letter organization founded by and for African American men; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha was chartered at what was then Hampton Institute with 15 original members on February 9, 1947, and generations of brothers have upheld the organization's core principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha has provided generous scholarships for local students, provided snacks and support for college students during final exams, raised awareness of breast cancer and AIDS, and supported numerous service programs, including My Brother's Keeper and Project Alpha; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha worked with members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to raise money and collect school supplies for local teachers through the Adopt-A-Teacher Challenge; and

WHEREAS, members of the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha have also volunteered their time at Y.H. Thomas Community Center, Queen Street Baptist Church, and the Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha commemorated its 75th anniversary with a special event on February 9, 2022, at Hampton University; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., hereby be commended on the occasion of its 75th anniversary during the 2021-2022 academic year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the organization's contributions to the community.

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