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HOUSE MEMORIAL 39

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ALUMNAE
CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED.

WHEREAS, on January 13, 1913, twenty-two collegiate women
at Howard university in Washington, D.C., founded the public
service organization, delta sigma theta sorority; and

WHEREAS, the organization's first public display of social
activism was participation in the women's suffrage march on
March 3, 1913; and

WHEREAS, these young women wanted to use their collective
strength to promote academic excellence, provide assistance to
persons in need, provide scholarships, provide support to the
underserved, educate and stimulate participation in the
establishment of positive public policy and highlight issues
and provide solutions to problems in their communities; and

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1 WHEREAS, on March 18, 1967, Mona Humphries Bailey, farwest
2 regional director of delta sigma theta sorority, incorporated,
3 presented the Albuquerque alumnae charter to fifteen awe-
4 inspiring women; and

5 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter of delta sigma
6 theta sorority, incorporated, is the only alumnae chapter of
7 delta sigma theta sorority, incorporated, in New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, charter members of the Albuquerque alumnae
9 chapter are Uline Hughes, Euola Cox, Joy Malry, Ellie Warren,
10 Ina Webb, Margaret Carson, Artis Hopkins, Alfreda Taylor,
11 Laretta Loftus, Anna Swain, Jennie Brown, Sara Davis, Fannie
12 Dawson, Buena Vista Green and Dorothy McNeil; and

13 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has volunteered
14 hundreds of hours in the last fifty years with community
15 service programs, such as habitat for humanity, the Albuquerque
16 rescue mission, the African American read-in, the roadrunner
17 food bank of New Mexico, project share, the breast cancer
18 resource center, cuidando los ninos, my sister's closet,
19 S.A.F.E. house New Mexico, world AIDS day, the school supplies
20 drive, the dress for success clothing drive, the spread the
21 warmth blanket drive, the step-2-success shoe drive, the voter
22 education and registration drive and the city of Albuquerque's
23 adopt-a-highway program; and

24 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has successfully
25 raised funds and participated in the American cancer society

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1 making strides against breast cancer walk, the Susan G. Komen
2 race for the cure, the leukemia and lymphoma society's light
3 the night walk and St. Jude walk/run to end childhood cancer;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has held
6 workshops on scholarship applications and financial literacy;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has awarded
9 thousands of dollars in college scholarships to high school and
10 college-aged students; and

11 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has supported the
12 arts through successful collaborations with the university of
13 New Mexico's Popejoy hall to provide cultural enrichment to the
14 community; and

15 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter continues to take
16 an interest and maintain active involvement in the welfare of
17 the community through voter education and registration; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter hosted
19 the forty-fourth southwest regional conference of delta sigma
20 theta sorority, incorporated, in Albuquerque, where one
21 thousand five hundred women from Arkansas, Jamaica, Louisiana,
22 New Mexico and Texas attended and contributed almost one
23 million dollars (\$1,000,000) over four days to the local and
24 state economies; and

25 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter has submitted

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1 anti-hazing legislation to the state legislature to prevent
2 reckless acts that intentionally endanger the physical, mental
3 and emotional health of anyone seeking admission to a group,
4 athletic team, organization or society related to educational
5 institutions in New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque alumnae chapter will continue to
7 perform the work of the organization's five-point program
8 thrust of economic development, educational development,
9 international awareness and involvement, physical and mental
10 health and political awareness and involvement;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Albuquerque
13 alumnae chapter of delta sigma theta sorority, incorporated, be
14 recognized for its dedication and commitment to social activism
15 on its fiftieth anniversary; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the Albuquerque alumnae chapter of delta sigma
18 theta sorority, incorporated.