

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 305
Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee Substitute Adopted 7/13/05**

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 2, 2005

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE FOUNDERS OF
2 SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.

3 Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority was founded on November 12, 1922,
4 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by seven schoolteachers; and

5 Whereas, the founders of the sorority were Mary Lou Allison Little, Dorothy
6 Hanley Whiteside, Vivian White Marbury, Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae
7 Dulin Redford, Bessie M. Downey Martin, and Cubena McClure; and

8 Whereas, the organization became an incorporated national collegiate sorority
9 on December 30, 1929, when a charter was granted to the Alpha chapter at Butler
10 University; and

11 Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., is a national service
12 organization, which addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically, and
13 economically; and

14 Whereas, the women of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., are actively
15 involved in public service, leadership development, and youth education and believe in
16 enhancing the quality of life within their communities; and

17 Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., has more than 85,000 members
18 worldwide; and

19 Whereas, some of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.'s national programs
20 include: the National Education Fund, which provides scholarships to needy students
21 regardless of gender or race and conducts educational programs to enhance the quality
22 of life; Program for Africa, which assists African women with equipment for producing
23 grain and other food grown in Africa; Project Wee Savers, a program which provides
24 participants ranging from ages six to 18 years with real life skills involving finances;
25 Operation BigBookBag, which provides children with school supplies, textbooks,
26 resource aides, and other items for school; and Sigma Youth Symposium, which is
27 conducted each year to address youth issues; and

28 Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.'s international corporate
29 headquarters is located in Cary, North Carolina; and

1 Whereas, for more than 80 years, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., has
2 upheld its motto of "Greater Service, Greater Progress"; Now, therefore,
3 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

4 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Mary Lou
5 Allison Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian White Marbury, Nannie Mae Gahn
6 Johnson, Hattie Mae Dulin Redford, Bessie M. Downey Martin, and Cubena McClure,
7 founders of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and acknowledges the women of Sigma
8 Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., for their commitment to improving the lives of those in their
9 communities.

10 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
11 resolution to the Grand Basileus of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., at the sorority's
12 international corporate headquarters.

13 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.