

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2005-41**  
**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 305**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, for more than 80 years, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., has upheld its motto of "Greater Service, Greater Progress"; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

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

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

**SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 2005.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives