

House Resolution 1425

By: Representatives Williams of the 89th, Smyre of the 132nd, Williams of the 165th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Frazier of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Day at the state capitol on
2 February 17, 2010; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., is a nonprofit professional
4 organization, founded by visionary educators for women in education on a Palm Sunday in
5 April of 1923 and incorporated on May 23, 1923; and

6 WHEREAS, the founding sisters include Dr. Gladys Merritt Ross, Dr. Gladys Cannon
7 Nunery, Mildred Morris Williams, Julia Asbury Barnes, Dr. Florence Steele Hunt, Ella Wells
8 Butler, Edna McConnell, and Marguerite Gross; and

9 WHEREAS, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa expanded to the South, Midwest,
10 Southwest, Farwest, and to Liberia West Africa, with 135 chapters and over 7,500 members;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, women in the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa believe and are dedicated
13 to imparting knowledge and encouraging creativity and independent thinking as they focus
14 on their national theme, "Pursuit of Excellence - A Challenge to Fulfill"; and

15 WHEREAS, Phi Delta Kappa's three-point national program encompasses youth guidance,
16 education and professional growth among teachers, and service to the community; and

17 WHEREAS, members are challenged each day to be educators who positively impact a
18 changing society in and outside the walls of the classroom; and

19 WHEREAS, each year, the organization awards scholarships to high school seniors, males
20 and females who have chosen teacher education as a college major, five college students in
21 a teacher education program, and a teacher pursuing her doctorate in education; and

22 WHEREAS, Mary D. Brown, chairperson of the Commission on Civil Rights, Education,
23 and Legislative Affairs, and Allie Belle Harrison, first vice president of programs, have
24 coordinated an event to meet legislators and members of the Committee on Education to
25 address the issue of education; and

26 WHEREAS, Representative Earnest Williams, a former teacher, is an advocate for student
27 achievement and quality teachers, and understands the vision of Phi Delta Kappa to build
28 today for tomorrow; and

29 WHEREAS, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa will continue to foster internal growth,
30 embrace the highest teaching ideals, and know that their investment toward the development
31 of this nation's youth will pay dividends.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend the outstanding service of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., and its
34 members in improving the field of education and uplifting the lives of the future leaders in
35 this state and recognize February 17, 2010, as National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.,
36 Day at the state capitol.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mary D. Brown, Allie Belle
39 Harrison, and the Epsilon Tau Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.