

House Resolution 1844

By: Representative Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Phi Theta Kappa; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, an international honor society, Phi Theta Kappa originated with six charter  
3 members under the name of Kappa Phi Omicron at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri,  
4 in 1910; and

5 WHEREAS, the society continued to grow and in 1918 was one of the many honorary groups  
6 in Missouri, organized a new honorary society in which the name Phi Theta Kappa was  
7 chosen, and was finally incorporated as a national organization; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1926, Phi Theta Kappa expanded beyond the borders of Missouri and into  
9 coeducational institutions; and

10 WHEREAS, the American Association of Junior Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as  
11 the official honor society for two-year colleges in 1929; and

12 WHEREAS, its mission is to recognize and encourage the academic achievements of  
13 two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development  
14 through participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming; and

15 WHEREAS, the current advisors of Phi Theta Kappa include Cheryl Maxwell, Sherrye  
16 Smith, Curtis Todd, Cedrick Daphney, Vasanta Chivulka, and Lead Advisor Michelle  
17 Geisert; and

18 WHEREAS, the current officers include Co-Presidents Cassandra Johnson and Byron  
19 Simmons, Vice Presidents of College Project La'Tresha Mair and Shani Jones, Vice President  
20 of Honors in Action Christopher Johnson, and Vice President of Finance Janet Walker; and

21 WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa has been a Five Star Chapter for five consecutive years, and  
22 it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this organization  
23 be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend the rich history and tradition of Phi Theta Kappa and its  
26 contributions to the community and two-year college students.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Phi Theta Kappa.