

## Senate Resolution 287

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Dugan of the 30th, Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th and Beach of the 21st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc., as they celebrate 150 years of  
2 commitment in love, honor, and truth on April 25, 2019, at the Atlanta History Center; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc., an honor based organization, was founded in 1869  
5 on the campus of Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, by James Frank Hopkins,  
6 Greenfield Quarles, and James McIlvaine Riley; and

7 WHEREAS, the three founders formed the Legion of Honor, the country's first honor based  
8 fraternity, which in turn became Sigma Nu; and

9 WHEREAS, this honor based society upholds the creed of love, honor, and truth to form the  
10 Legion of Honor, an organization that continues to manifest its sacred creed: to believe in the  
11 life of love, walk in the way of honor, and serve in the light of truth; this is the life, the way,  
12 and the light of Sigma Nu; and

13 WHEREAS, Sigma Nu's founders would not accept any form of hazing and instead chose  
14 to live as honorable men; and

15 WHEREAS, Sigma Nu stands as a beacon for those who value peace and contentment, and  
16 this legacy drives the fraternity to combat systematic abuse and hazing; and

17 WHEREAS, Sigma Nu is dedicated to creating ethical leaders for the future through the  
18 implementation of the LEAD program, through which current members and alumni can learn  
19 to become tomorrow's leaders; and

20 WHEREAS, currently, Sigma Nu has more than 235,000 members and 166 active  
21 chapters across North America; and

22 WHEREAS, five sitting senators of the Georgia General Assembly, Senator Bill Heath,  
23 Senator Mike Dugan, Senator John F. Kennedy, Senator Butch Miller, and Senator Brandon  
24 Beach, are members of Sigma Nu, hailing from different chapters across Georgia and the  
25 country; and

26 WHEREAS, many great Georgians have been members of Sigma Nu, including Herman  
27 Talmadge, Bobby Dodd, Jody Powell, Tom Johnson, Walter F. George, Olin "Stephen" Pace,  
28 and Phil Gingrey; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
30 extraordinary fraternity be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize and commend Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc., for its manifold contributions to the State  
33 of Georgia and extend sincere best wishes for continued growth and success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Sigma Nu  
36 Fraternity, Inc.