House Resolution 1299

By: Representative Thomas of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Incorporated; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Incorporated, was founded in February 1943, by the late Elizabeth Garner, teacher, and the late Violet T. Lewis, owner, of Lewis Business College, in Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the founders, along with the other 11 original members are known as the sorority's 13 Original Pearls, and each of the teachers pledged to organize a chapter of the sorority in her home city; and

WHEREAS, the sorority was organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to various charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, the sorority offers both graduate and undergraduate membership opportunities for women everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the sorority strives to improve the economic, social, and political status of all women; to motivate the members to further their education or training; to maintain a better relationship among women of all races and creeds; and to be of greater service to the community, country, and to each other; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Incorporated, was chartered on April 14, 2007, in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the chapter's members include President Darlene Ruffin-Alexander, Lorie Edwards, Nona Allen, Lakrisha Hutchinson, Karen Joseph, Melody McGuire, Deborah McWhorter, Teresa Perry, Sharmaine Scott, LaShawn Austin, Arlene Bell, Crystal Richardson, and Mary Windsor; and

WHEREAS, the chapter's national affiliations include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (Life Member); National Council of Negro Women (Life Member); National Affiliates Assembly; United Negro College Fund; National Urban League; Detroit 300 Recognition Heritage Program; and National Youth Auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS, youth are a great part of the organization as it strives to nurture young people into culturally enriched adults. The auxiliaries are organized groups of youth and adults sponsored by the National Organization of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Incorporated, for the purpose of encouraging, assisting, and training youth in the educational, refinement, and cultural process through specifically designed programs and activities and to incorporate a group of adults to assist, promote, and be supportive of the programs and goals of the sorority; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished organization be appropriately recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body recognize and commend Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Incorporated, especially the Alpha Gamma Chapter, and thank it for its efforts of behalf of the community and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Incorporated.