

## House Resolution 1957

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Delta Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., an Asian-interest sorority and  
2 501(c)(7) non-profit organization, for its outstanding work in creating the next generation of  
3 Asian women leaders unified by the bonds of sisterhood and its efforts in coalition building  
4 amongst minority collegiate students across the United States; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, on December 5, 1998, seven women at the University of Georgia founded Delta  
6 Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. as an Asian-interest sorority and culturally-based Greek letter  
7 organization with the mission of forming a lasting organization that could advocate Asian  
8 awareness through sisterhood and dispel stereotypes commonly held against the Asian  
9 community at their predominantly white institution (PWI); and

10 WHEREAS, culturally-based Greek letter organizations have a rich history of creating shared  
11 cultural spaces for minority collegiate students and advancing civil rights for their  
12 communities, with the first ones being Black Greek letter organizations whose traditions and  
13 values would later influence and inform all those to follow; and

14 WHEREAS, upon its founding, Delta Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. joined a wave of Asian  
15 Greek letter organizations forming in the 1990s, following the wave of Black Greek letter

16 organizations beginning in the 1900s and Latino Greek letter organizations beginning in the  
17 1970s; and

18 WHEREAS, in the summer of 2004, Delta Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. became a founding  
19 member of the APIA Greek Alliance, now known as the National APIDA Panhellenic  
20 Association (NAPA), a national umbrella council representing 18 Asian-interest Greek letter  
21 organizations alongside other prominent culturally-based national umbrella councils such as  
22 the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and the National Association of Latino Fraternal  
23 Organizations (NALFO); and

24 WHEREAS, while many Asian Greek letter organizations oftentimes face difficulty  
25 expanding to universities beyond their respective region, Delta Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. has  
26 expanded beyond the Southeast to the Northeast and Midwest, initiating over 2,400 members  
27 and chartering 26 collegiate chapters and six alumnae chapters across the United States; and

28 WHEREAS, on December 22, 2010, the Delta Phi Lambda Foundation was founded and  
29 incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to financially support members of Delta  
30 Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. in their academic and philanthropic endeavors, becoming the first  
31 NAPA organization to found a non-profit foundation and winning multiple NAPA awards  
32 since; and

33 WHEREAS, Delta Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. holds national philanthropic partnerships with  
34 the Bone Health and Osteoporosis Foundation and the Asian Mental Health Collective to  
35 raise funds towards combating health issues that impact Asian Americans and host  
36 programming events raising awareness and prevention; and

37 WHEREAS, individual chapters of the sorority engage in local philanthropy through  
38 first-generation scholarships, mobile food banks, homeless shelter assistance, college  
39 preparedness programs, and more; and

40 WHEREAS, members of the sorority have consistently stood at the forefront of their  
41 respective collegiate institutions as student leaders who push the needle on their campuses,  
42 demonstrating academic excellence in all their pursuits and promoting Asian awareness  
43 through engaging in the student body; and

44 WHEREAS, in fostering a sisterhood for Asian collegiate women to share their culture at  
45 their respective PWIs and support one another throughout their academic journeys, Delta Phi  
46 Lambda Sorority Inc. has created the next generation of strong Asian women leaders who  
47 feel empowered to tackle the future's biggest issues and emboldened to advocate for both  
48 their own communities and the communities of their fellow culturally-based Greeks; and

49 WHEREAS, the Alpha Chapter at the University of Georgia, the Gamma Chapter at Georgia  
50 State University, the Zeta Chapter at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and the Theta  
51 Chapter at Emory University have made significant contributions towards the cultivation of  
52 multicultural Greek life and unity amongst culturally-based Greek letter organizations in the  
53 State of Georgia and the greater Southeast; and

54 WHEREAS, alongside other culturally-based Greek letter organizations, Delta Phi Lambda  
55 Sorority Inc. has diligently contributed to the formation of a close-knit multicultural  
56 community built upon the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood across the United States,  
57 which will ultimately uplift and advance their respective communities for years to come.

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
59 the members of this body commend Delta Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. for its development of  
60 strong Asian women leaders unified by sisterhood and its advancements in the national  
61 multicultural Greek community.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
63 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
64 Founder Anh Ngoc Nguyen and the chapter presidents of each of the respective Georgia  
65 chapters listed herein.