

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 325

Reps. Love, Brenda Carter, Bolden, Anthony and Yancey offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare November 12, 2020, as Sigma Gamma Rho
2 Sorority, Incorporated Founders' Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated was founded on
4 the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1922
5 in the epicenter of the Ku Klux Klan. It's the first and only
6 historically black sorority formed at a predominately white
7 institution; and

8 Whereas, The seven educators who founded Sigma Gamma Rho
9 Sorority, Incorporated envisioned an organization for African
10 American women steeped in the bounds of sisterhood dedicated to
11 uplifting the community through community service, education,
12 civil, and social action; and

1 Whereas, This organization of diverse professional women is
2 dedicated to the encouragement and promotion of high scholastic
3 attainment, community service, and improved quality of life through
4 its chapters, members, and affiliates located through the United
5 States, Korea, Bermuda, Africa, Bahamas, Canada, the Caribbean,
6 Germany, and United Arab Emirates; and

7 Whereas, Through programing, education, and advocacy, Sigma
8 Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated has become a leading national
9 service organization working to address socioeconomic issues that
10 impact our communities in the U.S. and globally through programs
11 such as Swim 1922, Project Cradle Care, Wee Savers, Operation Big
12 Bookbag, and our annual Youth Symposium; and

13 Whereas, The Women of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated
14 is celebrating its 97th anniversary during this year; and

15 Whereas, Michigan hosts over 18 Sigma Gamma Rho chapters which
16 are located on college and university campuses and have active
17 alumnae chapters throughout the state that lend their time and
18 talents to enrich and enhance the fabric of our state.

19 Whereas, The central region is home to chapters serving
20 Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri,
21 Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and
22 Wisconsin, in addition to the Canadian divisions of Windsor,
23 Ontario and west to Saskatchewan, Baffin Islands, Greenland,
24 Iceland, Queen Elizabeth Islands and Germany; and

25 Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated members have
26 made their mark in every aspect of life. Sone notable members
27 include Hattie McDaniel, the first African-American to win an
28 Academy Award, actors Victoria Rowell and Anna Maria Horsford, and
29 rap pioneer MC Lyte. Rep. Leslie Love is the first member of Sigma

1 Gamma Rho to serve in the Michigan House of Representative and the
2 only currently serving in the 100th Legislature; now, therefore, be
3 it

4 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
5 this legislative body declare November 12, 2020, as Sigma Gamma Rho
6 Sorority, Incorporated Founders' Day in the state of Michigan; and
7 be it further

8 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
9 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated.