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H. RES. 1281

Recognizing the 175th anniversary of the founding of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2026

Ms. FOXX (for herself and Ms. LEE of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 175th anniversary of the founding of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Whereas Alpha Delta Pi sorority was founded as the Adelphean Society on May 15, 1851, at Wesleyan Female College in Macon, Georgia;

Whereas Alpha Delta Pi sorority was the first secret society for college women, founded at the first college chartered to grant degrees to women;

Whereas the recognized founders of Alpha Delta Pi include Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald, Mary Evans Glass, Octavia Andrew Rush, Ella Pierce Turner, Sophronia Woodruff Dews, and Elizabeth Williams Mitchell, and whose membership stands at over 290,000 lifetime initiates;

Whereas the sorority, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, has established chapters at over 220 colleges and universities

across the United States and Canada and has 165 active alumnae associations;

Whereas Alpha Delta Pi sorority is a private membership organization whose mission is to provide women with a meaningful lifelong experience that empowers them to reach their full potential through leadership, educational, philanthropic, and social opportunities;

Whereas the Adelphean Society set forward the objectives of the society to be the mental, moral, social, and domestic improvement of its members, and Alpha Delta Pi sorority now recognizes the core values of sisterhood, service, character, and knowledge to be the guideposts by which all members live;

Whereas Alpha Delta Pi, whose motto is “We Live For Each Other,” consistently raises over \$1,000,000 per year for Ronald McDonald House, whose collegians log over 300,000 community service hours annually, and whose platforms regularly educate members and the public about the dangers of hazing and the importance of sisterhood in relation to wellness and belonging;

Whereas the sorority counts among its alumnae 1 Academy Award winner, 6 Emmy award winners, 2 Grammy winners, 4 New York Times bestselling authors, 6 United States Olympians, 2 Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists, and 1 recipient of the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Journalism and the Peabody Award for Journalistic Integrity;

Whereas the sorority is the home to 2 sitting United States Representatives, 1 Senator, and can claim several “firsts” including the first United States treasurer named National Director of the Savings Bond Division

and the first woman to hold the United States government's highest education post; and

Whereas Alpha Delta Pi sorority will hold its 175th anniversary Grand Convention in Palm Desert, California, June 17 through June 20, 2026: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates Alpha Delta Pi sorority on
3 the occasion of its 175th anniversary;

4 (2) acknowledges the contributions of Alpha
5 Delta Pi members to education, science and tech-
6 nology, the arts, athletics, government, the military,
7 business, and community service; and

8 (3) recognizes the members of Alpha Delta Pi
9 sorority for their lifelong commitment to personal
10 growth, friendship, and community enrichment.

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