

Resolution Number 338
Zeta Sigma Philo

WHEREAS, in January of 1971, three courageous women of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Zeta Sigma Chapter chartered Zeta Sigma Philo Club. Mrs. Betty Humphrey, who was Basileus at that time, Miss Patricia M. Smith and Mrs. Carolyn Delk-Rountree joined with charter members Leora Adkisson, Juanita Delk, Julia Ghee, Elizabeth Ledbetter, Lula Scott, and Margie Valentine, and Lois Watson to charter ZZeta Sigma Philo; and

WHEREAS, Philo Juanita Delk, Historian, who served as secretary for the initial group, is the only active Charter member, with forty years of service to the greater St. Louis Community, and is responsible for writing a Philo pray which became the national Philo Prayer; and

WHEREAS, the Zeta Sigma Philo affiliate continues to support all Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. national projects including Project Reassurance, Project Wee Savers, Operation BigBookBag, and Sigma Youth Symposium; and

WHEREAS, the women of Zeta Sigma Philo are active in the community including: Thanksgiving and Christmas basket give-a-ways, march of Dimes, Sunshine Mission, Annie Malone Children's Home, American Cancer Society, Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure, Diabetes Association, Lupus Foundation, Sickle Cell Foundation, St. Jude Hospital, the Food Bank, habitat for Humanity, Doorways, CWAH, Karen House, Zeta Sigma Chapter's Afro-American Arts Festival, Miss Rhomania, and Aurora Foundation's Be a Star Coronation; and

WHEREAS, considerable contributions are made to Zeta Sigma Chapter's scholarships and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.'s scholarships by hosting events throughout the year including: Then and Now Teas, Hattitude, Little Miss/Mister Philo Pageant, fashion shows and an Oldies but Goodies dance.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the women of Zeta Sigma Philo for all their contributions to the St. Louis community and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on February 28th, 2011 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen
Honorable April Ford Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted February 28th, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen