

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**COMMENDING** the Eta Nu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., upon the occasion of hosting its Youth Symposium on March 14, 2026

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished organizations whose steadfast commitment to youth empowerment, education, and leadership development strengthens our communities and prepares the next generation for lives of purpose and achievement; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Eta Nu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., upon the occasion of hosting its Youth Symposium, to be held at St. Clair McKelway School in Brooklyn, New York, on Saturday, March 14, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1922 on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., was established by seven visionary educators committed to advancing scholarship, sisterhood, and service, principles which remain the cornerstone of the organization's global mission; and

**WHEREAS,** For more than a century, the Sorority has provided transformative programming, addressing education, health awareness, community service, and youth development and creating pathways of opportunity for countless young people throughout the United States and abroad; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eta Nu Sigma Chapter has faithfully upheld this legacy through impactful initiatives designed to mentor, educate, and inspire youth, ensuring they are equipped with the necessary tools to excel academically, professionally, and civically; and

**WHEREAS,** The Chapter's Youth Symposium serves as a dynamic forum, bringing together students, educators, professionals, and community leaders for workshops, panel discussions, and leadership development sessions that foster critical thinking, innovation, and personal growth; and

**WHEREAS,** Through mentorship, scholarship initiatives, and culturally grounded programming, the members of the Eta Nu Sigma Chapter continue to invest in the promise and potential of young people, reinforcing the Sorority's national commitment to empowering future leaders; and

**WHEREAS,** The Chapter is led by Basileus Soror Frances Antoinette Bates whose visionary leadership, administrative excellence, and unwavering dedication to sisterhood and service guide the Chapter's impactful work throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Under Soror Bates's direction, alongside a devoted corps of

officers and members, the Chapter continues to expand its reach, deepen its service, and uphold the highest ideals of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS,** It is fitting and proper that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the significance of this Youth Symposium and recognize the profound contributions of the Eta Nu Sigma Chapter in shaping the minds, aspirations, and futures of our youth; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Eta Nu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., upon the occasion of hosting its Youth Symposium on March 14, 2026, and to extend sincere appreciation to its officers, members, partners, and participants for their enduring commitment to youth empowerment and community advancement; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Eta Nu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., in recognition of this auspicious occasion.