

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.192

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

1 A resolution to declare November 12, 2019, as Sigma Gamma Rho
2 Sorority, Incorporated 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, and is
5 the first and only historically black sorority established at a
6 predominately white institution; and

7 Whereas, On November 12, 1922, the seven educators who founded
8 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, Mary Lou Allison Gardner
9 Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian Irene White Marbury,
10 Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae Annette Dulin Redford, Bessie
11 Maw Downey Rhoades Martin, and Cubena McClure, envisioned an



1 organization for African American women steeped in the bounds of
2 sisterhood dedicated to uplifting the community through community
3 service, education, civil, and social action; and

4 Whereas, This organization of diverse professional women is
5 dedicated to the encouragement and promotion of high scholastic
6 attainment, community service, and improved quality of life through
7 its chapters, and over 85,000 members and affiliates located
8 throughout the United States, Korea, Bermuda, Africa, Bahamas,
9 Canada, the Caribbean, Germany, and United Arab Emirates; and

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

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

22 Whereas, Over 18 Sigma Gamma Rho chapters are located on
23 college and university campuses and have active alumnae chapters
24 throughout the state of Michigan who lend their time and talents to
25 enrich and enhance the fabric of our state; and

26 Whereas, Rep. Leslie Love is the first member of Sigma Gamma
27 Rho to serve in the Michigan House of Representative and the only
28 member currently serving in the 100th Legislature; now, therefore,
29 be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
2 this legislative body declare November 12, 2019, as Sigma Gamma Rho
3 Sorority, Incorporated Day in the state of Michigan. We further
4 commemorate the 97th anniversary of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority,
5 Incorporated; and be it further

6 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
7 national headquarters for Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated.