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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Pi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Pearl Anniversary on June 3, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations within the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Pi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Pearl Anniversary on Friday, June 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1908 by a group of academically inspiring women as the first Greek-letter sorority for African American women; and WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is comprised of over 290,000 college trained women with members in over 993 chapters located in the United States, the Caribbean, Germany, Korea, Japan and Dubai; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, since being founded over a century ago, has helped to improve social and economic conditions through community service programs by working with communities through service initiatives and progressive programs relating to Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership and Global Impact and continues to do so through its current International Program; "Launching New Dimensions of Service"; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, the Pi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was chartered by 19 innovative and inspiring

women and dedicated to the principles of its charter members; and  
WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of President, Mary Frances Perkins and Vice President, Traci Gardner, Pi Iota Omega Chapter is comprised of 85 active members who have continued the tradition of providing service programs to enrich and improve its White Plains/Greenburgh communities; and

WHEREAS, For the last three decades, Pi Iota Omega Chapter has impacted its community by partnering with corporate and other service organizations such as The Thomas H. Slater Center, White Plains/Greenburgh NAACP, White Plains Youth Bureau, and MLK Day of Service Projects; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Pi Iota Omega Chapter has helped feed the homeless at Union Baptist Church, implemented mentoring programs for AKA teens and middle school girls, sponsored annual coat drives, conducted voter registration and education activities, and distributed educational scholarships for college bound students through both local and national organizations such as the UNCF, the Urban League of Westchester Black Scholars Program, the Lois Bronz Child Care Center; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the members of Pi Iota Omega Chapter participated and volunteered for the American Heart Walk, Making Strides for Breast Cancer, National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk, and the Lupus Walk; and

WHEREAS, The success of Pi Iota Omega Chapter is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the sorority and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, In light of its commitment, dedication, and successful efforts, it is the practice of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to the Pi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Pi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary on June 3, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Frances Perkins, President, and Traci Gardner, Vice President, Pi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.