

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 913

Offered April 1, 2025

Commending the Beta Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho.

Patron—Obenshain

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Beta Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho celebrates its 50th anniversary at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, the colony of Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) was officially established on February 7, 1973, with 47 active brothers, including 21 individuals who moved into the AGR house at 1503 Toms Creek Road after it was purchased that spring; and

WHEREAS, in the 50 years since the chapter was chartered in 1975, the Beta Eta Chapter of AGR has initiated nearly 850 young men, each of whom represent the purpose of AGR and who have made significant contributions to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and broader campus life at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, the brothers of the Beta Eta Chapter of AGR remain committed to the organization's purpose, which is "to make better men, and through them a broader and better agriculture by surrounding members with influences tending to encourage individual endeavor, resourcefulness, and aggressive effort along lines making for the development of better mental, social, moral, and physical qualities"; and

WHEREAS, the fraternal bonds created at 1503 Toms Creek Road extend long after graduation, with a wider acquaintance and broader outlook that is seen in the ranks of the Beta Eta Chapter of AGR's alumni; and

WHEREAS, brothers of the Beta Eta Chapter of AGR contribute to the production of agriculture and agribusiness in the Commonwealth and beyond and remain leaders in food production and processing, as well as agricultural education and finance; alumni have also held and currently hold leadership positions in agricultural commodity organizations and trade associations, as well as elected office at the local and state level; and

WHEREAS, for a half-century, the brothers of the Beta Eta Chapter of AGR have successfully made better men and, through them, a broader and better agriculture for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Beta Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Beta Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Commonwealth.

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