



National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

“To Foster a Spirit of Sisterhood Among Teachers and to Promote the Highest Ideals of the Teaching Profession”

A professional organization of women in the field of education

RESOLUTION OF COMFORT, LOVE AND RESPECT

Remembering . . . ARDENA S. DIXON, Past Supreme Basileus

LOVE AND GO ON

You can shed tears that she is gone or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back or you can open your eyes and see all she has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her or you can be full of the love she shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only think that she is gone or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back

Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

By David Harkins

According to His tender mercy, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our sororal family, our beloved sister, **Soror Ardena S. Dixon**. We bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God.

LET IT BE KNOWN that today, February 23, 2019, the members of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, National Executive Council, all of the sorors, youth affiliates and Anthropos, the many friends and fellow educators, join the family of **Soror Dixon** to pay a deserving tribute to the memory of our devoted soror in this beautiful Celebration of Life.

WHEREAS Soror Ardena S. Dixon, a woman of God, joined the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, Gamma Chapter, Baltimore, MD in January 1965, and became a Life Member in 1985. In 2015, **Soror Dixon** celebrated fifty years of membership in the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, and needless to say, this organization truly benefitted greatly from her unselfish sisterly spirit, dedicated membership, and exemplary leadership for fifty-four years. She was a consummate leader, a sister, counselor, friend, mentor, and lifelong teacher; and leaves a legacy of faith, dignity, service and love; and

WHEREAS from 1965, the year she joined the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, until she breathed her last breath, everyone knew of her love for this organization. **Soror Ardena** started her service with Gamma Chapter as chair of various committees, progressing to elected positions (including Chapter Basileus); later moving on to become elected Member-at-Large of the Eastern Region in 1979; and in 1983 she was elected Eastern Regional Director serving until 1987; she became National Conclave Coordinator for the 1995 Conclave held in Philadelphia, PA and 1997 Conclave in Austin, TX. **Soror Ardena** held the position of President of the Perpetual Scholarship Foundation, a 501(c)3 program with a goal of \$1,000,000 and has been the primary revenue source for providing over \$2 million dollars in scholarships for high school graduates who study and pursue careers in teaching; continuing to serve, **Soror Ardena** became Board of Trustees Chair.



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WHEREAS in 1997 **Soror Dixon** was elected to the highest position in the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, that of Supreme Basileus. During her tenure she made significant contributions to the administration and program of this organization that remain in effect today, namely revision of the Constitution and Bylaws in 1991, and Manual of Policies and Procedures in 2001; initiated the change of program from PERTY to YES (Youth, Education and Service), and she chartered Epsilon Upsilon Chapter in 2001 in Greensboro, NC.

WHEREAS, following her exemplary leadership as Supreme Basileus in 2001, **Soror Dixon** continued to serve whenever called upon and wherever needed; namely as Supreme Executive Advisor until 2005, Member and Chairperson of the Supreme Basilei Council until her death.

LET IT BE KNOWN that **Soror Ardena S. Dixon**, has joined the Founders of this great organization and those dedicated members who are now in Omega Chapter, who loved and cherished the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated; the members present today in this service and in spirit from afar, feel a personal loss. However, as we reflect back upon her life, we humbly revere her legacy and owe an extreme debt of gratitude for her leadership and sisterhood. We resolve to uphold the principles and zeal she held dear, namely, motivating students to do their best, encouraging our sorors to uphold the highest ideals of the teaching profession and always pursue excellence as educators, and making this organization a leader in education. We, collectively, and individually thank God for **Soror Dixon's** outstanding contributions toward building and sustaining this exemplary organization,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that it is with heartfelt love and humility, that we conclude this tribute and pray that Almighty God grants comfort, peace, consolation and joy to **Soror Dixon's** family, especially daughters, Stephanie and Eris, her devoted friends, and Gamma Chapter sorors, as she rests forever in our Heavenly Father's loving arms.

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be given to the family and filed at the Headquarters of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated on this 23rd day of February, the year of our Lord 2019.

With the assurance of deep sympathy

**National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated
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