



# 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*

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## RESOLUTION OF COMFORT, LOVE AND RESPECT

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### Remembering . . . DELLA H. OLIVER, Past Supreme Basileus

*Remember me when flowers bloom, Early in the spring.  
Remember me on sunny days, In the fun that summer brings.*

*Remember me in the fall, As you walk through the leaves of gold:  
And in the wintertime, Remember me in stories that are told,*

*But most of all, remember each day, Right from the start  
I will be forever near, for I live within your heart.*

Unknown

According to His tender mercy, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our sororal family, our beloved sister, **Soror Della H. Oliver**, affectionately known as **Della "O"**. We bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God.

**LET IT BE KNOWN** that today, January 28, 2019, the members of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, National Executive Council, Southeast Region, Beta Psi Chapter in Knoxville, TN, the many friends and fellow educators join the family of **Soror Oliver** to pay a deserving tribute to the memory of our devoted soror in this beautiful Celebration of Life.

**WHEREAS Soror Della H. Oliver**, a woman of God, joined the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc March, 1968, became a life member in 1987 and a Diamond Life Member in 2011; Last year in 2018, **Soror Oliver** enjoyed fifty years of membership in the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, and this organization truly benefitted greatly from her unselfish sisterly spirit, dedicated membership, or exemplary leadership for a half century. She was a consummate leader, a sister, counselor, friend, and lifelong teacher; and leaves a legacy of faith, dignity, service and love; and

**WHEREAS Soror Della H. Oliver**, in less than eight years of chapter membership became known in the Southeast Region as a leader, was elected as the Southeast Region Member-at-Large, the second in command in the Region, moving on to become Southeast Regional Director in 1983, in which her regional leadership highlighted her ability and thrust her into national limelight. In the same year, she was elected Supreme Tamiouchos, National Financial Secretary; On the national level she became an incorporator of the Perpetual Scholarship Foundation, a 501c3 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, served as Board of Trustee Chair, and as national chair of several committees. She was always visible and serving.



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**WHEREAS** in 1993 **Soror Oliver** was elected to the highest position in the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, that of Supreme Basileus. One might think that all of the previous service was already an amazing feat, however, her leadership was truly a calling, and therefore, as you might imagine, **Soror Oliver** was just getting started. As Supreme Basileus, in addition to exemplary administrative leadership **Soror Oliver** chartered three chapters, Epsilon Rho in 1994, Epsilon Sigma in 1995 and Epsilon Tau in 1996; and reactivated Gamma Zeta Chapter in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. Her leadership was internationally, as well as nationally, focused.

**WHEREAS Soror Della H. Oliver**, is responsible is responsible for many of the programs, projects, protocols and legacies that remain in existence for the organization and exhibited during this service. She instituted in honor of our last living founder, the Florence Steele Hunt Scholarship Endowment, at New Jersey City University, of which over 20 students have benefitted from this scholarship since 2002; she established a Southeast Region Della H. Oliver Scholarship; designed the life membership Pin, developed the cast for the Supreme Basileus Pin; contributed to the protocol for the organization’s Omega Service and the official floral arrangements for deceased sorors.that you see here today.

**LET IT BE KNOWN** that **Soror Della H. Oliver**, “**Della “O”**” 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, Inc. The members of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated 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 and encouraging students to do their best, to motivate our sorors to uphold the highest ideals of the teaching profession, to always pursue excellence as educators, and to make this organization a flagship educational organization. We, collectively, and individually thank God for Soror Oliver’s outstanding contributions toward building and sustaining this exemplary organization, and

**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 Oliver’s** family, especially Soror Oliver’s daughter-Cheryl, her devoted friends, especially Ms. Gillespie, and all sorors while she rests forever in His 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 28th day of January, the year of our Lord 2019.

*With the assurance of deep sympathy*

**National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporation  
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