

Resolution to Honor Henry S. Mattox – Brother of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity

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BE IT RESOLVED, that due to his dedication and service to the members of the Fraternity & Sorority Community at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, his dedication and service within the Sigma Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon National Fraternity, the Fraternity & Sorority Community at Virginia Tech believes in honoring Henry S. Mattox, for his outstanding service to the American Fraternity Movement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the students of the Sigma Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and the entire undergraduate fraternity & sorority population, have great pride for his success as a member of our Virginia Tech community, and believe that he continues to this day to demonstrate an exceptional commitment and dedication to the spirit of American Fraternalism;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fraternity & Sorority Community at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University honors the achievements of this outstanding Fraternity Man with this resolution, and by establishing the **Henry S. Mattox Fraternity Alumni of the Year Award**, to be given annually by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, in recognition of a Virginia Tech Fraternity Alumni that demonstrate the most outstanding service and commitment to the Mission of Virginia Tech and the Principles and Values of the American Fraternity Movement.

As adopted by the Fraternity & Sorority Community – November 8, 2008 – Ut Prosim

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