



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 . . MARGARET C. NELSON, 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 Margaret C. Nelson**. We bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God.

LET IT BE KNOWN that today, May 9, 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 sister educators, join the family of **Soror Nelson** to pay a deserving tribute to the memory of our devoted soror in this most fitting Celebration of Life.

WHEREAS Soror Margaret C. Nelson, a woman of God, joined the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, Beta Chapter, Washington, DC in 1974, became a Life Member in 1995. In 2015, and a Diamond Life Member in 2011. **Soror Nelson** celebrated forty-five years of membership in the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. Membership was more than a card; it was more than a name; it was more than an ornamental pin. The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated benefitted greatly from her unselfish sisterly spirit, dedicated devotion, and exemplary leadership. She was a quiet, firm and deliberate leader, a sister, counselor, friend, mentor, and lifelong teacher; and leaves a legacy of faith, dignity, service and love; and

WHEREAS from 1974 through April 29, 2019, her love for this organization was known because she walked the walk. **Soror Margaret** attended forty-two Annual Eastern Regional Conferences since she joined and every Biennial Conclave since 1977. There was not a year or time period that **Soror Nelson** was not visible and making a difference in the core of this organization. She served diligently in Beta Chapter as chair of various committees, progressing to elected positions, including Chapter Basileus; nine years after joining she was elected Member-at-Large of the Eastern Region in 1983; and in 1989 began her service on the national level as Second Supreme Anti-Basileus, followed by First Supreme Anti-Basileus. At each stage, she left her indelible imprint on the office for the better.



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WHEREAS in 2001, **Soror Nelson** 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, many of which remain in effect today; namely, the implementation of the mandate for individual liability insurance for all members and affiliates; insured that the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated would have legal representation in the city of its headquarters, Chicago, Illinois; effected the Florence Steele Hunt Scholarship; restructured responsibilities of headquarters; published the first “Who’s Who Soaring for Success” as a national fundraiser; and received thousands of dollars from corporations and contributors to fund and support our national programs.

WHEREAS, following her exemplary leadership as Supreme Basileus in 2005, **Soror Nelson** continued to serve whenever called upon and wherever needed; namely, as Supreme Executive Advisor until 2009, Member and Chairperson of the Past Supreme Basilei Council, and Chair of the Board of Trustees. Sorors knew that they could call **Soror Margaret**, who was a wealth of knowledge and history.

LET IT BE KNOWN that **Soror Margaret C. Nelson**, 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; that the members present today in this service and in spirit from afar, feel a deep personal loss. However, as we reflect back upon her life, we humbly revere her legacy and owe an extreme debt of gratitude to God for her leadership and sisterhood. We resolve to uphold the principles and zeal she held dear by motivating students to do and be their best; encouraging our sorors to uphold the highest ideals of the teaching profession and always pursue excellence as educators; and zealously strive to make this organization a leader in education. We, collectively, and individually thank God for **Soror Nelson’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 Nelson’s** family, especially husband, Anthropol Delmar Nelson; her son and daughter, Soror Wintress Hall; her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; her devoted friends; the Eastern Region; and Beta 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 on this 9th day of May, the year of our Lord, 2019. And, thereafter placed in Memorial on the national website.

With the assurance of deep sympathy

**National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated
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