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The first ceremony was conferred
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Founder's Day Celebration
of
Beta Sigma Phi's
86th Anniversary

Beta Sigma Phi's
Award of Distinction
An Award for Outstanding Service in Beta Sigma Phi



Houston City Council
Ceremony

SETTING: The table setting is the same as for the Houston City Council Installation of Officers with these changes:

- (1) A white International Award of Distinction [hereinafter “IAD”] pillar candle is in the center.
- (2) The recipient’s medal is to the left of the candle.
- (3) The framed IAD certificate is to the right of the candle.
- (4) Scrapbook, memento(s) and/or gifts are equally placed on either side of the candle and certificate.

CEREMONY PRELUDE:

- (1) The officiant lights the candle.
- (2) Current IADs are introduced and asked to stand behind the table.
- (3) The new recipient is announced and asked to stand behind the table in the center.
- (4) Any family member(s) of the new recipient who are present are invited to stand in front of the table facing the new recipient.
- (5) The new recipient’s sponsoring chapter members are asked to stand in a semi-circle behind the family member(s).
- (6) The officiant makes opening remarks of her choosing.

**The Council Sponsor for the Recipient’s Award
is the
Officiant of this Ritual**

OFFICIANT: _____, today we pay special tribute to you. During your ____ years in Beta Sigma Phi, you have not only given the best that is in you to every council and chapter you have been a member of, you have done so above and beyond all expectations.

In recognition and appreciation of your distinguished service and leadership to Beta Sigma Phi, your chapter sisters in _____ and the _____ of Houston City Council sponsored a petition for you to receive the International Award of Distinction. This petition was unanimously approved by all chapters in Houston City Council. The International Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi approved the awarding of this honor to you today, the highest honor which can be bestowed on a member of our great sisterhood.

We now present to you the International Award of Distinction medal. Wear it proudly, as today, you join the ranks of only ____ sisters in Houston City Council who have held this honor.

We now present to you the International Award of Distinction Certificate. May it always remind you of all the ways you have enriched Beta Sigma Phi and the lives your sisters.

_____, your Council sponsor, has prepared a scrapbook for your award mementos and will now present it to you.

_____, President of your chapter, will now present a gift to you in celebration of this Award.

_____, you are now and will always be known as an International Award of Distinction member of Beta Sigma Phi and Houston City Council.

Congratulations!