


 Beta Sigma Phi's
Award of Distinction
 An Award for Outstanding Service in Beta Sigma Phi
Houston City Council Ceremony

SETTING: The table is draped with a White Tablecloth and Beta Sigma Phi Crest. (1) A black vase with yellow roses is placed in the center of the table. (2) A white International Award of Distinction [hereinafter "IAD"] pillar candle is placed in front of the vase of roses. (To make an IAD candle, glue a picture of the IAD medal to the front of a white pillar candle). (3) The recipient's medal is to the left of the pillar. (4) The framed IAD certificate is to the right of the pillar. (5) Scrapbook, memento(s) and/or gifts are evenly placed to the right of the certificate and left of the medal.

PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY: (1) The officiant (the recipient's sponsoring Council officer) lights the candle. (2) Current IADs are introduced and take their place behind the table. (3) The new recipient is announced and asked to stand behind the table in the middle. (4) The recipient's sponsoring chapter sisters and her family members are invited to stand in a semi-circle in front of the table.

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 your Houston City Council Executive Board _____ 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.

_____, will 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.

_____, will 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 from your chapter in celebration of this Award.

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

Congratulations!

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This ceremony was written by Sharon Johnson Munn, 2016-2017 President-Elect of Houston City Council.

The first ceremony was conferred by Sharon Johnson Munn upon Alice White on April 29, 2017 at Houston City Council's Founder's Day Celebration of Beta Sigma Phi's 86th Anniversary