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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA REFLECTS ON THE DEATH OF OSAMA BIN LADEN

President Lauds Member Sarah Clark who was killed on September 11

Chicago, Illinois – May 2, 2011 - Alpha Kappa Alpha's International President Attorney Carolyn House Stewart joins the nation in acknowledging the death of Osama bin Laden. On behalf of the Sorority's 250,000 members in 958 chapters worldwide, she praised the diligence of the Special Forces and President Obama's focus for finally ridding the world of this "evil force whose continued presence on the international stage put the world at risk."

President Stewart noted that Alpha Kappa Alpha member Sarah Clark was on the plane that crashed into the Pentagon on September 11 so the tragedy was both globally horrific and also "personal" to the Sorority. She said Clark, a teacher, was escorting sixth graders to participate in National Geographic Project in Santa Cruz and was on Flight 77 enroute to the event.

"On the day of her death," remarked Stewart, "she was living up to Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission of service. On this fateful and pivotal historic moment, we pray that Sarah's and the thousands of families who lost loved ones, will find some closure."

The International President noted that members were impacted by the tragic events of September 11 and are finding closure and relief with the news of bin Laden's death.

Stewart added that the Sorority used the occasion of its Founders' Day celebration after the tragedy to honor the memories of those whose lives were lost on September 11. The Sorority made a donation to the mother of a child born to a soldier who perished when the plane crashed into the Pentagon.

Stewart said the occasion provides a powerful reminder of the important role the men and women fighting overseas are playing to rid the world of terrorists who threaten world peace. She said that among those serving admirably in the military are many members of the Sorority.

Declared Stewart: "Alpha Kappa Alpha is proud of the contributions our members are making as part of the global mission to fight for the right to live in peace. We praise them. We salute them. We honor them."

