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ALPHA TAU ZETA APPROVES AFFILIATION WITH FARMHOUSE

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. -- In a historic decision, the National Board of Directors of Alpha Tau Zeta (ATZ) fraternity at Ohio State University has approved that the fraternity affiliate with FarmHouse International Fraternity. The move was taken on Saturday, May 17, following a count of returned alumni and undergraduate ATZ member proxy ballots. The ballot question considered whether the 111-year old chapter should merge with FarmHouse.

Of the ballots returned, 93% voted in favor that such action be taken. This overwhelming support prompted the National Board of Alpha Tau Zeta to approve official affiliation and start the process of becoming a chapter of FarmHouse International Fraternity.

The vote is the culmination of 18 months of talks and discussions between ATZ and FarmHouse about the merger issue. The FarmHouse International Board of Directors met in Columbus in April for a final round of negotiations with alumni and chapter leaders before ballots were mailed to approximately 1,100 ATZ members.

In receiving the news on the favorable vote outcome, International Board President, Bryce Freeman (IA '93) remarked, "This is a historic day in the rich histories of Alpha Tau Zeta and FarmHouse. The Fraternity looks forward to continuing the legacy of excellence ATZ has established on the Ohio State campus. On a personal level, I am very excited to now call the men of ATZ, I've come to know and respect the last several months, my brothers."

Fraternity executive director, Chad Harris (IA '98), will visit Columbus June 13-14 for meetings to begin the transition for the chapter and association of ATZ. Current plans are to colonize the ATZ chapter in fall 2008, with an anticipated chartering date as a full FarmHouse chapter in 2010.

The International Fraternity extends its sincere thanks to the many alumni, volunteers, board members and friends of both fraternal organizations who gave countless time and talents to helping steward this historic joint venture of our proud brotherhoods.

Founded in 1905 at the University of Missouri, FarmHouse International Fraternity is an agricultural-based men's social fraternity with 30 active chapters across the United States and Canada comprising 1,300 undergraduates and 23,000 life initiates. The Fraternity works to build men socially, spiritually, physically and scholastically.

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