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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity for 100 years of
2 brotherhood, scholarship and service.

3 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard
4 University in Washington, DC, on January 9, 1914, by three young
5 African-American male students; and

6 WHEREAS, The founders of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Honorable
7 A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse and Honorable
8 Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek-letter fraternity
9 that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood,
10 scholarship and service and that viewed itself as "a part of"
11 the general community rather than "apart from" the general
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, These founders desired for their fraternity to exist
14 as part of an even greater brotherhood which would be devoted to
15 the "inclusive we" rather than the "exclusive we" and would

1 deliver services to the general community; and

2 WHEREAS, Rather than gaining skills to be utilized
3 exclusively for themselves and their immediate families, they
4 held a deep conviction that they should return their newly
5 acquired skills to the communities from which they had come and
6 this deep conviction was mirrored in the fraternity's motto,
7 "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity"; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has blossomed into
9 an international organization of leaders with a membership of
10 more than 150,000 college-educated men, operating in 675
11 chapters around the globe; and

12 WHEREAS, The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity reaffirm
13 and maintain a strong commitment to brotherhood, scholarship and
14 service and ensure that the fraternity programs are focused and
15 committed to serving humanity; and

16 WHEREAS, Members of the fraternity have been instrumental in
17 the establishment of the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation, the
18 Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union and the Sigma Beta Club
19 Foundation; and

20 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, founded in 1920 with the
21 assistance of Phi Beta Sigma, is the sister organization of the
22 fraternity; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Phi
24 Beta Sigma Fraternity for 100 years of brotherhood, scholarship
25 and service.