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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 24, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity during the Conclave 2013
2 celebration from July 9 through 14, 2013, in Philadelphia.

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
16 deliver services to the general community; and

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity executive team for
16 2009-2013 has embraced as its theme "Changing Lives Through
17 Service"; and

18 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will be holding its 71st
19 Conclave from July 9 through 14, 2013, in Philadelphia with the
20 theme "POWER UP! Marching Towards the Jubilee"; and

21 WHEREAS, The Conclave is a week-long conference for the
22 purpose of electing an administrative body and holding concerts,
23 seminars and other social events for delegates from the seven
24 regions of the fraternity; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Phi
26 Beta Sigma Fraternity during the Conclave 2013 celebration from
27 July 9 through 14, 2013, in Philadelphia.