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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,
2 Inc., for a century of commitment to social activism,
3 academic excellence and civic engagement in this
4 Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta was originally founded in 1920 by five
6 conscientious collegiate women on the campus of Howard
7 University in Washington, DC; and

8 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta has continued its steady climb into
9 the national spotlight with programs designed to demonstrate
10 concern for the human condition both nationally and
11 internationally; and

12 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta
13 Sorority, Inc., are the only National Pan-Hellenic Council
14 organizations that can claim an authentic brother-sister
15 association through a constitutional bond; and

16 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta boasts numerous collegiate and alumnae
17 chapters within this Commonwealth, as well as more than 125,000
18 members in 800 chapters located around the world; and

1 WHEREAS, This constitutional bond allows both organizations
2 to work closely together as they attempt to materialize what
3 their founders envisioned through a deep and abiding dedication
4 to enhancing and promoting systematic fellowship, African-
5 American self-determination, justice, equal rights and service
6 to all humankind; and

7 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta realizes its mission by providing an
8 extensive array of public service through the sorority's
9 programs, including, among other programs, the Elder Care
10 Initiative, Stork's Nest, Zeta Prematurity Awareness Program,
11 Adopt-A-School and Z-HOPE; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the past 100 years, members of Zeta Phi Beta
13 have led countless initiatives addressing a variety of crucial
14 issues, including voting rights, affordable health care,
15 financial literacy, economic empowerment, support for
16 historically black colleges and universities, political
17 awareness and involvement, gender equality and racial profiling;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The women of Zeta Phi Beta continue to be excellent
20 examples of servant leaders with an uncompromising commitment to
21 their communities; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
23 honor the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., for a century
24 of commitment to social activism, academic excellence and civic
25 engagement in this Commonwealth.