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**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY ON ONE HUNDRED YEARS IN EXISTENCE AND TO COMMEND THEM ON THEIR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was organized on January 9, 1914 at Howard University in Washington, DC by three African American students: the Honorable A. Langston Taylor, the Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and the Honorable Charles I. Brown; and

Whereas, the fraternity seeks to truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service; and

Whereas, from its inception, Phi Beta Sigma wanted to be a part of the general community. They believed each potential member should be judged by his own merits and not by his family background. The founders also viewed the fraternity as a mechanism to provide services to the community. Rather than gaining skills to be used for their own good, members are encouraged to use their skills for the community they came from; and

Whereas, the fraternity’s motto, “Culture for Service and Service for Humanity” mirrors their belief of giving back to the community; and

Whereas, Phi Beta Sigma seeks to strengthen and proactively serve the brotherhood, as a supportive resource that positively impacts the fraternity’s growth and financial solvency; and

Whereas, the fraternity encouraged the organization of a sister group, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, which organized in 1920 and became the first official Greek letter sister and brother organization. The fraternity continues to foster the bond formed with Zeta Phi Beta; and

Whereas, today the fraternity is an international organization of leaders. Members of the fraternity have been instrumental in establishing the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union, and the Sigma Beta Club Foundation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate, by this resolution, commend the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity on one hundred years in existence and to commend them on their many years of dedicated service to the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Phi Beta Sigma.

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