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5 By: Senators F. Love, J. Scott, R. Murdock

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY,
10 INCORPORATED FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS
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12 THE WORLD.

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22 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded January 16,
23 1920, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., during a time of often
24 violent racial turmoil in the nation but also the Harlem Renaissance, one of
25 the first important domestic movements of Black artists and writers in the
26 United States; and

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28 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated serves and advocates for
29 social, health, and economic justice both domestically and globally and
30 remains poised for perpetual service to mankind into its second century of
31 existence and beyond; and

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33 WHEREAS, the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated uphold the
34 sorority's ideals of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood;
35 and

1 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated has eight hundred
2 seventy-five (875) chapters in the United States, two thousand five hundred
3 (2,500) Friends of Zeta, and over two thousand (2,000) youth auxiliaries; and
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5 WHEREAS, the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated encourage
6 achievement of academic excellence by all members and have given three
7 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) to college students over
8 the past five (5) years as well as the annual Pearl Anna Neal Scholarship,
9 given every year since 2021 in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand
10 dollars (\$125,000); and
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12 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is a community-conscious,
13 action-oriented organization dedicated to transforming the lives of others,
14 and has positively impacted over five million (5,000,000) people's lives via
15 its one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) Z-Hope Programs and donations
16 totaling more than eight million dollars (\$8,000,000); and
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18 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was the first National
19 Pan-Hellenic Council organization to centralize its operations in a national
20 headquarters, to charter a chapter in Africa, to form auxiliary groups, and
21 to be constitutionally bound to a fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity,
22 Inc.; and
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24 WHEREAS, members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated have included
25 author Zora Neale Hurston, honorary members and singers Dionne Warwick and
26 Chaka Khan, honorary members and actresses Vivica A. Fox and Tatyana Ali, and
27 honorary member and attorney Anita Hill,
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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
31 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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33 THAT the Senate recognize and honor Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,
34 Incorporated for its contributions to its communities, the State of Arkansas,
35 the nation, and the world.
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
2 provided to the leaders of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated by the
3 Secretary of the Senate.

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