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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 PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY,  
10 INC., FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS COMMUNITIES, THE  
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14 **Subtitle**

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20 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., has been empowering  
21 generations of men since its founding at Howard University in Washington,  
22 D.C., on January 9, 1914; and

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24 WHEREAS, the founding of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., was based on  
25 a desire to judge each potential member on his own merits rather than his  
26 appearance or family connections and also a desire for the fraternity to  
27 serve as a mechanism to deliver services to the general community, thereby  
28 returning members' newly acquired skills to the communities from which they  
29 had come; and

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31 WHEREAS, the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., uphold the  
32 fraternity's ideals of "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity" and  
33 promote brotherhood, scholarship, and service; and

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35 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., has five hundred ninety-nine  
36 (599) active chapters; and



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2           WHEREAS, members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., have been  
3 instrumental in the establishment of the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation  
4 and the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., assisted with  
7 the 1920 founding of its sister organization, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,  
8 Incorporated; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., give five  
11 hundred seventy-six thousand (576,000) volunteer hours annually, mentor four  
12 thousand five hundred (4,500) young men annually, give one million two  
13 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in scholarships to students annually,  
14 and have invested eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) in the Black Spend  
15 Initiative; and  
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17           WHEREAS, members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., have included  
18 scientist George Washington Carver, writers James Weldon Johnson and Dr.  
19 Alain LeRoy Locke, United States Congressman John Lewis, religious and  
20 political leader Al Sharpton, honorary members and actors Harry Belafonte,  
21 Blair Underwood, and Terrence Howard, honorary member and weather anchor Al  
22 Roker, football star and television host Emmitt Smith, Olympic gold medalist  
23 Al Joyner, and honorary member and former Governor of Arkansas and former  
24 President of the United States William Jefferson "Bill" Clinton,  
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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
28 STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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30           THAT the Senate recognize and honor Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.,  
31 for its contributions to its communities, the State of Arkansas, the nation,  
32 and the world.  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
35 provided to the leaders of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., by the Secretary  
36 of the Senate.