**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PALMETTO STATE CHAPTERS OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, an organization focused on community, social action, and health and education, has been at the forefront of anticipating the ever‑changing needs of society and has long demonstrated its dedication to meeting these needs; and

Whereas, for the past eighty‑five years the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority have given unselfishly of their time, talents, and energies to build stronger communities through implementation of programs that positively impact human health and the environment understanding that such service is their greatest legacy; and

Whereas, from its inception this sorority has formed many meaningful community‑based partnerships and for more than thirty years has partnered with the March of Dimes including support for the Human Genome Project; and

Whereas, Zeta Phi Beta has also fostered partnerships with numerous organizations for the betterment of all mankind. Among these organizations are the American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, American Red Cross, Black Women’s Health Imperative, Howard Thurman Educational Trust, Leadership Conference of Civil Rights, National Council of Women of the U.S.A, National Medical Association, National Pan‑Hellenic Council, Office of Minority Health (Healthy People 2010), SIDS Foundation; the Washington Center, and the United Nations; and

Whereas, the sorority’s Z‑HOPE initiative, started by South Carolina’s own, Barbara Crocket Moore, Zeta Phi Beta’s Sororities 22nd International President, is an outstanding outreach service program directed at providing culturally appropriate informational activities, fostering collaborative partnerships between community organizations with shared goals, promoting opportunities for expansion programs for mothers‑to‑be and babies, and facilitating community service and mentorship opportunities for personal, professional, and social growth of its members; and

Whereas, annually, Zeta Phi Beta members take time from their busy schedules to acknowledge the work of the members of the legislative bodies of the State of South Carolina, the House of Representatives and the Senate; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives, cognizant of the organization’s ongoing commitment to the welfare of the citizens of this great State, are pleased to pause in their deliberations to honor the South Carolina chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Palmetto State chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, for their many years of outstanding, dedicated service to the people and communities of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

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