**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND SALUTE THE ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., a community-conscious and action‑oriented organization, was founded on the campus of Howard University on January 16, 1920, by five collegiate women: Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl Anna Neal, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings, and Fannie Pettie Watts; and

Whereas, South Carolina boasts forty‑seven Zeta Phi Beta Chapters, twelve Zeta Amicae Auxiliaries, and fifteen Youth Affiliate Groups, totaling over one thousand women and youth, led by State Director Latorsha M. Murray; and

Whereas, the members of the organization have given over twenty‑four thousand dollars to the March of Dimes and over twelve thousand dollars in scholarships, and they have donated more than five hundred wigs to the American Cancer Society and two thousand items to hurricane relief in the U. S. Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, whether administering their outstanding Zetas Helping Other People Excel (Z‑HOPE) program, formed during the leadership of South Carolina’s own Barbara Crockett Moore, twenty‑second international president of Zeta Phi Beta, or giving scholarships through their South Carolina License Tag program, the women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority understand that service to the community is their greatest legacy; and

Whereas, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority members participate in national programs that include the Elder Care Initiative to provide education and awareness about preparing for senior years in life; the Stork’s Nest, a community‑based program to promote prenatal health for low‑income pregnant women; Zeta Prematurity Awareness Program held each November; March of Dimes March for Babies walks; and Adopt‑A‑School to identify low‑performing schools and provide assistance to enhance the educational experience, increase test scores, and improve grades; and

Whereas, the South Carolina chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., celebrate their tenth year of converging on the State House to bring recognition and awareness of the service that the organization renders to the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the organization wishes to honor Marion M. Gary, ninth South Carolina state director; Dr. Yvonne Jefferson Barnes, Southeastern regional director; and Dr. Shirrie Miller for commissioning and implementing the first Zeta Day at the State House held on April 9, 2008; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina 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 House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor and salute the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, for its many years of dedicated service to the people of South Carolina.

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

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