



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On April 20-23, 2006, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity,  
3 Inc., will host its Great Lakes Regional Conference at the  
4 Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza in downtown Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at  
6 Howard University in Washington, D.C., on January 9, 1914, by  
7 three young, African-American, male students, celebrated as  
8 the Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse,  
9 and the Honorable Charles I. Brown; and

10 WHEREAS, From its inception, the Founders conceived Phi  
11 Beta Sigma as a mechanism to deliver services to the general  
12 community, rather than gaining skills to be utilized  
13 exclusively for themselves and their immediate families; this  
14 deep conviction is mirrored in the Fraternity's motto, "Culture  
15 For Service and Service For Humanity"; and

16 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma is the only historically  
17 African-American fraternity to be constitutionally bound to a  
18 sorority, enjoying and fostering a mutually supportive  
19 relationship with the women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.;

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21 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma has from its very beginning  
22 concerned itself with improving the general well-being of  
23 minority groups and demonstrates this through partnerships  
24 with the March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, the  
25 Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, the National Marrow Donor  
26 Program, American Diabetes Research, and St. Jude's Children  
27 Research Hospital; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
29 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
30 we recognize Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., on the occasion

1 of its Great Lakes Regional Conference, and we wish the  
2 attendees well; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., as an expression  
5 of our esteem and best wishes for a successful conference.