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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Chapters of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority are sponsoring their second annual legislative visit to the State Capitol; and

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

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WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 16, 1920, by five young women, celebrated as the Honorable Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Honorable Pearl A. Neal, Honorable Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Honorable Viola Tyler Goings, and Honorable Fannie Pettie Watts, respectfully know as the Five Pearls, at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

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WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta are the only historically Greek-lettered organizations in the National Pan-Hellenic Council to be constitutionally bound; and

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WHEREAS, From its inception, the Founders conceived Phi Beta Sigma as a mechanism to deliver services to the general community, rather than gaining skills to be utilized

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1 exclusively for themselves or their immediate families; this
2 deep conviction is mirrored in the Fraternity's motto, "Culture
3 For Service and Service for Humanity"; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its inception Zeta Phi Beta has chronicled a
5 number of firsts; Zeta Phi Beta was the first Greek-letter
6 organization to charter a chapter in Africa in 1948; to form
7 adult and youth auxiliary groups; to centralize its operations
8 in a national headquarters; and

9 WHEREAS, Both Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta
10 sorority are honored to have formed many wonderful,
11 community-based partnerships with March of Dimes, American
12 Cancer Society, American Diabetes Research, NAACP, National
13 Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Urban League; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that, in recognition of the
16 achievements of the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
17 and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the values for which they
18 strive, we proclaim Wednesday, May 20, 2009 as the Second
19 Annual Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta Day in the State of
20 Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the International President of Phi Beta Sigma

1 Fraternity, Inc., Paul L. Griffin, Jr., the International
2 President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Illinoisan Sheryl
3 Underwood, the Great Lakes Regional Director, and the Illinois
4 State Director of both Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Zeta Phi
5 Beta Sorority.