

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

COMMENDATIONS: Designates April 23, 2019, as Zeta Phi Beta Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate April 23, 2019, as Zeta Phi Beta Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, was founded on January 16, 1920,
4 at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

5 WHEREAS, the five coeds who founded the sorority believed that sorority elitism
6 and an emphasis on socializing had previously prevented sororities from pursuing a
7 progressive agenda that fully addressed the societal mores, ills, prejudices, and poverty
8 affecting humanity in general and the black community in particular; and

9 WHEREAS, in contrast, the founders of Zeta Phi Beta sought to create a sorority that
10 would directly affect positive change, chart a course of action for the 1920s and beyond,
11 raise the consciousness of the African American people, encourage the highest standards of
12 scholastic achievement, and foster a greater sense of unity among its members; and

13 WHEREAS, since its inception, Zeta Phi Beta has continued its steady climb into the
14 national spotlight with programs designed to assist human beings at both the national and
15 international level; and

16 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta was the first National Pan-Hellenic Council organization
17 to centralize its operation in a national headquarters, the first to charter a chapter in Africa,
18 the first to form auxiliary groups, and the first to be constitutionally bound to a fraternity,
19 namely Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated; and

20 WHEREAS, the sorority takes pride in its continued service to communities through
21 volunteer services from members of the sorority and its auxiliary groups; and

1 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta has chartered hundreds of chapters worldwide and has
2 more than 100,000 members; and

3 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta's local and national programs include its National
4 Education Foundation outreach services; and

5 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta chapters and auxiliaries have given myriad hours of
6 volunteer service to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarships, support organized
7 charities, and promote legislation for social and civic change; and

8 WHEREAS, as the sorority moves towards its centennial, it retains its original zest
9 for excellence and espouses the highest academic ideals, all of which has resulted in its
10 members serving in groundbreaking roles in all fields of endeavor; and

11 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is poised for perpetual service to mankind
12 into its second century and beyond.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 23, 2019, as Zeta Phi Beta
15 Day at the state capitol, and hereby expresses enduring appreciation to the members of Zeta
16 Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, for the tremendous service, honor, and pride that they bring
17 to their families, friends, and communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of
18 America.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
20 to Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker, International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,
21 Incorporated.

DIGEST

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