

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES