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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the members of Phi Beta  
4 Sigma Fraternity on the occasion of the organization's 100th  
5 anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard  
7 University in Washington, D.C. on January 9, 1914 by 3 young  
8 African-American male students; the Founders, the Honorable A.  
9 Langston Taylor, the Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and the  
10 Honorable Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek letter  
11 fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of  
12 brotherhood, scholarship, and service and that viewed itself as  
13 a part of the general community rather than apart from the  
14 general community; and

15           WHEREAS, From its inception, the Founders of Phi Beta Sigma  
16 Fraternity also conceived the organization as a mechanism to  
17 deliver services to the general community; rather than gaining  
18 skills to be utilized exclusively for themselves and their  
19 immediate families, they held a deep conviction that they  
20 should return their newly acquired skills to the communities  
21 from which they had come; this deep conviction was mirrored in  
22 the Fraternity's motto, "Culture For Service and Service For  
23 Humanity"; and

1           WHEREAS, Members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity have been  
2 instrumental in the establishment of the Phi Beta Sigma  
3 National Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union,  
4 and the Sigma Beta Club Foundation; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,  
5 founded in 1920 with the assistance of Phi Beta Sigma, is the  
6 sister organization of the Fraternity; and

7           WHEREAS, In furtherance of its goals, Phi Beta Sigma  
8 Fraternity seeks to strengthen and proactively serve the  
9 brotherhood as a supportive resource that positively impacts  
10 the Fraternity's growth and financial solvency; reaffirm and  
11 maintain a strong commitment to brotherhood, scholarship, and  
12 service; ensure that Fraternity programs are focused and  
13 committed to serving humanity; create an environment that  
14 respects the dignity and worth of each brother; exhibit  
15 integrity and ethical behavior in conducting the Fraternity's  
16 business and serve as a model for all Greek-letter  
17 organizations; maintain and improve the Fraternity's  
18 technological literacy in order to better service its members  
19 and the community at large; foster and nurture its  
20 constitutional bond with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.;;  
21 encourage a closer and mutually beneficial working  
22 relationship with fellow Greek-letter organizations, other  
23 community service organizations, businesses, and governments;  
24 and select leaders who are committed and have demonstrated

1 their ability to lead; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has blossomed  
3 into an international organization of leaders; its members  
4 serve as models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the  
5 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity on the  
9 occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary and wish them  
10 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity as a symbol of our  
14 esteem and respect.