

House Resolution 311

By: Representatives Randall of the 138th, Hugley of the 133rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Mayo of the 91st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., was founded on January 9, 1914, at Howard
3 University in Washington, D.C., by three young, African American men, A. Langston
4 Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown; and

5 WHEREAS, their intention was to establish a fraternity that exemplified the ideals of
6 brotherhood, scholarship, and service and one that viewed itself as a part of the community;
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8 WHEREAS, from its inception, the fraternity has served as a mechanism for delivering
9 services to the community, an attitude reflected in the fraternity's motto, "Culture For Service
10 and Service For Humanity"; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1920, the men of Phi Beta Sigma helped to establish their sister organization,
12 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., which makes the two organizations the only two "constitutionally
13 bound" Greek organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout the organization's history, Phi Beta Sigma has seen many brothers
15 become innovators and great leaders, including George Washington Carver, A. Phillip
16 Randolph, Hosea Williams, United States Congressman John Lewis, Les Brown, Hines
17 Ward, and Dr. Ben Chavez; and

18 WHEREAS, for the last 95 years, Phi Beta Sigma has stood at the forefront of change and
19 service establishing the Sigma Beta Club, participating in voter registration drives, partnering
20 with the March of Dimes and the American Cancer Society, and feeding the homeless; and

21 WHEREAS, with 38 collegiate and alumni chapters in Georgia, Phi Beta Sigma continues
22 a rich tradition of service and fellowship.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., for their
25 service to the community and the country.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity,
28 Inc.