

## House Resolution 86

By: Representatives Stephens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Gordon of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, and Williams of the 165<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is an international, historically black Greek letter sorority  
4 and a member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and

5 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta was founded on January 16, 1920, at Howard University in  
6 Washington, D.C., by five young coeds known as the five pearls, Arizona Cleaver Stemons,  
7 Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings, Fannie Pettie Watts, and Pearl Neal; and

8 WHEREAS, based on the principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love, and Finer  
9 Womanhood, Zeta Phi Beta has chartered hundreds of chapters and initiated thousands of  
10 women around the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta's national and local programs include the National Educational  
12 Foundation, which offers scholarship grants to students who want to pursue higher education;  
13 the Stork's Nest, a partnership with the March of Dimes that encourages young ladies to seek  
14 prenatal care; and Z-Hope, an outreach service program which stands for Zetas Helping  
15 Other People Excel; and

16 WHEREAS, the Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta was organized on July 1, 1939,  
17 by Viola C. Holbrooks and Almeda Ford at Valdosta State University; and

18 WHEREAS, charter members for the Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter were Reatha M. Gibbs  
19 Delaware, Ola Bass Dingle, Jessie Moody Gibbs, Viola C. Holbrooks, Lillie G. Jones,  
20 Mettalla W. Mareee, Margaret H. Stewart, E. Cecile Walker, Nancy H. Walker, Kathleen  
21 Williams, and Nellie W. Zeigler; and

22 WHEREAS, the Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority continues a rich  
23 tradition of service and fellowship and the outstanding accomplishments of this fine  
24 organization are worthy of recognition.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body commend the members of the Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter of the  
27 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for their service to the community and their commitment to the  
28 principles of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Alpha Theta Zeta  
31 Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.