

Senate Resolution 208

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; and for other purposes.

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

4 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta was founded on January 16, 1920, at Howard University in
5 Washington, D.C., and was first incorporated on March 30, 1923, by sorority members
6 Myrtle Tyler, Gladys Warrington, Joanna Houston, Josephine Johnson, and O. Goldia Smith;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the sorority is organized into over 800 chapters in eight intercontinental regions
9 including North America, Africa, Europe, and Asia; and

10 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta has several outstanding auxiliary organizations, including
11 Amicae, Archonettes, Amicettes, Pearlettes, and the Zeta Male Network; and

12 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta has partnered with the March of Dimes since 1971 with the
13 Stork's Nest Program, which encourages low-income pregnant women to participate in
14 healthy behaviors during pregnancy through incentive and educational programs in order to
15 decrease the incidences of birth defects and lower the infant mortality rate; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1975, the sorority established the National Educational Foundation of Zeta
17 Phi Beta Sorority, a trust which awards scholarship grants, conducts community educational
18 programs and activities, and engages in scholarship related research; and

19 WHEREAS, Z-HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel) is an outreach service program
20 that has six primary objectives, including providing culturally appropriate informational
21 activities according to the Z-HOPE program format; fostering collaborative partnerships
22 between community organizations with shared goals; promoting the opportunities for

23 expansion in Stork's Nest programs; and facilitating community service and mentorship
24 opportunities for members of the organization; and

25 WHEREAS, since 2002, Z-HOPE and members of Zeta Phi Beta has served more than
26 500,000 women, children, and seniors; and

27 WHEREAS, from its inception, the sorority's national service programs have evolved to meet
28 the critical societal needs of the time; and

29 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta continues a rich tradition of service and fellowship and the
30 outstanding accomplishments of this fine organization are worthy of recognition.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for their service to the community and the
33 country.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Zeta Phi Beta
36 Sorority.