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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 193

Offered February 5, 2020

*Commending Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.*

Patrons—Lindsey, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Cole, M.L., Hayes, Hope, Jones, Reid, Samirah, Simonds and Ware; Senator: Spruill

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., an international, historically black Greek organization founded at Howard University, celebrates 106 years of service in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was established on January 9, 1914, with the founding principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service; and

WHEREAS, the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity uphold the belief that social events should not overshadow the organization's mission to address societal mores, ills, and prejudices, as well as concerns about poverty and health in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is a community-conscious, goal-oriented organization that calls all members to action at local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has focused on improving the global community through dedicated service and outreach, which has led to the development of four main programs to support African American businesses, education, social action, and youth development; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's national mentoring program, Sigma Beta Club, provides skill development opportunities for young men between the ages of eight and 18 as they prepare for higher education and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is composed of 150,000 college-educated men in more than 700 chapters around the world; Virginia is home to 20 collegiate and alumni chapters; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's Eastern Regional Conference, which was established in 1920 and today includes chapters from Virginia to Maine, as well as chapters in Germany, the United States Virgin Islands, Switzerland, Liberia, Nigeria, and Ghana, will celebrate its 100th anniversary at its meeting in Richmond on April 1-5, 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., for its 106 years of service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for more than a century of dedication to uplifting communities throughout the Commonwealth and the world and promoting the values of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service.

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