

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 287

Offered February 6, 2023

*Commending Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.*

Patrons—Williams Graves (By Request), Carr, Guzman and Price

WHEREAS, for 103 years, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., has promoted leadership development, sisterhood, and a commitment to community outreach among women in the Commonwealth and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, a historically Black sorority, Zeta Phi Beta was founded by Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl Anna Neal, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings, and Fannie Pettie Watts on January 16, 1920, in Washington, D.C., on the campus of Howard University; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta has since chartered hundreds of chapters worldwide and has a membership of over 100,000 women; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta is an international service-driven organization that takes pride in its continued participation in transforming communities through volunteer service by members of its chapters and auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta's national and local programs include the endowment of its National Educational Foundation, community outreach projects, and support for multiple affiliate organizations; Zeta Phi Beta chapters and auxiliaries have given countless hours of volunteer service to educate the public, assist youths, provide scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation advancing social and civic change; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta works in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System, AARP, the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Women Veterans Rock; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta has also formed many outstanding community-based partnerships, such as administering the Z-HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel) program or giving financial assistance through its National Educational Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta's other initiatives include Eldercare, Autism Awareness Education, Stork's Nest, Zeta Prematurity Awareness Program, Adopt-A-School, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, International Women of Color, and Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness; and

WHEREAS, the members of Zeta Phi Beta have touched countless lives throughout the Commonwealth through their hard work, generosity, and visionary community leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., hereby be commended on the occasion of its 103rd Founders' Day celebration in 2023; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's legacy of achievements.

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