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SENATE RESOLUTION

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STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE NATION, AND THE WORLD.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., has been empowering generations of men since its founding at Howard University in Washington, D.C., on January 9, 1914; and

WHEREAS, the founding of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., was based on a desire to judge each potential member on his own merits rather than his appearance or family connections and also a desire for the fraternity to serve as a mechanism to deliver services to the general community, thereby returning members' newly acquired skills to the communities from which they had come; and

WHEREAS, the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., uphold the fraternity's ideals of "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity" and promote brotherhood, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., has five hundred ninety-nine (599) active chapters; and



WHEREAS, members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., have been instrumental in the establishment of the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation and the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., assisted with the 1920 founding of its sister organization, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., give five hundred seventy-six thousand (576,000) volunteer hours annually, mentor four thousand five hundred (4,500) young men annually, give one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in scholarships to students annually, and have invested eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) in the Black Spend Initiative; and

WHEREAS, members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., have included scientist George Washington Carver, writers James Weldon Johnson and Dr. Alain LeRoy Locke, United States Congressman John Lewis, religious and political leader Al Sharpton, honorary members and actors Harry Belafonte, Blair Underwood, and Terrence Howard, honorary member and weather anchor Al Roker, football star and television host Emmitt Smith, Olympic gold medalist Al Joyner, and honorary member and former Governor of Arkansas and former President of the United States William Jefferson "Bill" Clinton,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognize and honor Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., for its contributions to its communities, the State of Arkansas, the nation, and the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to the leaders of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., by the Secretary of the Senate.