

By Senator Hill

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Senate Resolution

A resolution acknowledging the contributions of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and recognizing March 24, 2011, as "Sigma-Zeta Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., on January 9, 1914, by A.

Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown, and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, with the assistance of Phi Beta Sigma, was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., on January 16, 1920, by Arizona Cleaver, Myrtle Tyler, Viola Tyler, Fannie Pettie, and Pearl Neal, and

WHEREAS, both Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta, through statewide and local partnerships, address many of the challenges that racial and ethnic minority groups face today such as health issues and behaviors, birth of healthy babies, HIV/AIDS, and teenage pregnancy, and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity currently lists 16 collegiate chapters and 16 alumni chapters in Florida and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's membership numbers 16 collegiate chapters and 43 alumni chapters in the state, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That March 24, 2011, is recognized as "Sigma-Zeta Day" in Florida in recognition of the many civic contributions that the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority have made to this state.