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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 135

RECOGNIZING MAY 16, 2024, AS ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED DAY.

1 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard
2 University in Washington, D.C.; and

3 WHEREAS, Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl Anna Neal, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings, Fannie Pettie
4 Watts, affectionately called “The Five Pearls”, established a sorority that would directly affect positive change, chart a
5 course of action for the 1920s and beyond to raise people’s consciousness, encourage the highest standards of scholastic
6 achievement and foster a greater sense of unity among its members; and

7 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded on the principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and
8 Finer Womanhood; and

9 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., consisting over 125,000 members internationally, has established many
10 firsts; and

11 WHEREAS, first to charter a chapter in Africa, first to form youth and adult auxiliary groups, and first and only to
12 be constitutionally bound to a fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and

13 WHEREAS, one of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. signature programs is GET ENGAGED™; and

14 WHEREAS, the mission is to mobilize the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. to take action against social
15 injustices in the community. Empower citizens through knowledge-sharing, while strengthening relationships among
16 elected officials, law enforcement in communities and educators in schools; and

17 WHEREAS, under the direction of the Delaware State Director for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Shanena
18 Davenport Fogan, Epsilon Rho Zeta, Theta Zeta Zeta, Gamma Alpha Rho Zeta, Delta Alpha Beta Zeta Graduate Chapters,
19 Upsilon and Chi Theta Undergraduate Chapters continue our mission to advocate for social causes deserving of legislative
20 and societal upliftment as we focus on the “Power of S.H.E.” (Social, Health and Economic justice); and

21 WHEREAS, the Charles W. Cullen Bridge and Legislative Hall were lit purple on World Prematurity Day to raise
22 awareness of premature births and the importance of proper health care and access to health care; and

23 WHEREAS, the intent of the Blue and White Day of Advocacy this year, is to advocate for birth equity policy and
24 seeking ways to support coalitions that are working on Doula access; and

25 WHEREAS, with our programming, we focus on socializing the concept by leveraging initiatives of our partners
26 for greater impact and supporting causes that align with Zeta’s service profile; and

27 WHEREAS, while remaining F.I.E.R.C.E. (focused, inclusive, engaging, resilient, cultivating, and empowering);
28 and

29 NOW, THEREFORE:

30 BE IT RESOLVED By the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
31 Senate concurring therein, that May 16, 2024, shall be “Zeta Day at the Capitol” in Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes May 16, 2024, as Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Day, or “Z Phi B Day at the Capitol” in Delaware.