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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Eta Chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., is
2 hosting its annual Founders Day celebration on June 13, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, Created as a venue for African American business and
4 professional women, Eta Phi Beta seeks to promote high scholastic
5 standards, personal growth, career awareness, and community
6 involvement; guided by the motto "Not For Ourselves But For
7 Others," the group operates a nonprofit foundation, and it awards
8 scholarships to high school students with business aspirations; in
9 addition, Eta Phi Beta sponsors professional seminars and works to
10 create fellowship among businesswomen, and it supports local and
11 national charities, as well as programs that improve the quality of
12 life of the developmentally disabled; and

13 WHEREAS, One of more than 90 chapters throughout the United
14 States and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Eta Chapter dates back to
15 1960, when Dorothy Logan saw the growing need to form a network of
16 women in the Dallas-Fort Worth area; by December of that year, the
17 chapter was officially established, and along with Ms. Logan, the
18 charter members included: Selena Bennett, Vera Berry, Ella Buard,
19 Aretta Davis, Marie D. Micheaux, Constance Feaster, Maxine Friday,
20 Johnnye Hughes, Mae Fretwell Mason, Patricia Osborne, Francis
21 Washington, and Bethesda Sutto; and

22 WHEREAS, For nearly a half-century, the Eta Chapter has
23 remained committed to its ideals of sisterhood, leadership, and
24 community service, and its members may indeed reflect with pride on

1 the remarkable legacy they share; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2009 Founders Day observance of
4 the Eta Chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and extend to all
5 those associated with this notable organization sincere best wishes
6 for a memorable and enjoyable event; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the Eta Chapter as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.