

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

WHEREAS, Proud members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority are gathering in Austin on February 7, 2017, to celebrate Blue and White Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, In 1914, Phi Beta Sigma was established at Howard University, and six years later, Zeta Phi Beta was formed with the fraternity's assistance; the two organizations are constitutionally bound and enjoy a mutually supportive relationship; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma now has more than 290,000 lifetime members in the United States and beyond; over the years, the group has expanded its service mission by creating the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union, and the Sigma Beta Club Foundation; members also sponsor international programs focusing on education, business development, and social action, and in response to former President Barack Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative, they adopted a 10-point action plan to address issues impacting men of color; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta is dedicated to improving the human condition both at home and abroad; it was the first National Pan-Hellenic Council organization to charter a chapter in Africa, and it now has a membership of over 125,000 in hundreds of chapters around the world; since its inception, its members have worked to transform their communities through volunteerism, and they have advocated powerfully for social and civic progress; through its National Educational Foundation, the group awards scholarships, conducts community education and training programs, and supports scientific research; and

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WHEREAS, A joint effort of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta, Blue and White Day provides an opportunity for the organizations' members to reaffirm their steadfast commitment to community service and civic engagement, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize their contributions at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commemorate Blue and White Day at the State Capitol and extend to the delegations from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and meaningful event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organizations as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 7, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate