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3 By Representative Alexander
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COMMENDING LAMBDA ZETA ZETA CHAPTER OF ZETA PHI BETA
SORORITY, INC. FOR ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
conveyed to Lambda Zeta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta
Sorority, Inc. for its many accomplishments over the years;
and

WHEREAS, in September 1981, a group of approximately
20 women met and discussed the possibility of organizing a
graduate chapter in Bessemer, Alabama; after the first
meeting, the sorors invited Soror Mamie Labon Foster, the
Alabama State Director, to provide information and support
that would be helpful in meeting the qualifying standards to
form the graduate chapter; on November 10, 1981, during a
South Central Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, Lambda Zeta Zeta
Chapter was chartered by past International Grand Dr. Edith
Francis; the purposes of organizing the graduate chapter were
to reach out into the community to provide service projects
and educational and cultural programs, as well as to exemplify
the ideals of Finer Womanhood and Sisterhood; and

1 WHEREAS, Soror Tanisha Leonard has been serving as
2 Basileus of Lambda Zeta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta
3 Sorority, Inc. since 2018; those who have served as Basileus
4 previously are Soror Rosalind Burton from 1981 to 1984; Soror
5 Jessie D. Campbell from 1984 to 1986; Soror Eula Thompson from
6 1986 to 1988; Soror Polly Morgan Fitch from 1988 to 1992;
7 Soror Louise B. Chandler from 1992 to 1995; Soror Myra P.
8 Davis from 1995 to 1999; Soror Eula Thompson, for a second
9 time, from 1999 to 2003; Soror Mary D. Thomas from 2003 to
10 2008; Soror Glenda McCarroll from 2008 to 2016; and Soror
11 Shelia Cochran from 2016 to 2018; over the decades, the
12 chapter has made great progress under the leadership of each
13 Basileus; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1986, Lambda Zeta Zeta Chapter inducted
15 the first group of Aspirants into the sorority, namely Soror
16 Ardrene Bishop, Soror Daisy Chapman, Soror Myra Davis, Soror
17 Jessie Studemeyer, and Soror Hazel McWilliams; after the
18 induction of these women, other sorority sisters have become
19 members; in 2000, the sorority inducted Soror Glenda
20 McCarroll, who has skills in printing and organizing and who
21 exudes sisterly love; in 2003, the sorority inducted Chante'
22 Reese Oliver, who also has many skills that have benefitted
23 the sorority in numerous ways; and

24 WHEREAS, all members of Lambda Zeta Zeta Chapter
25 have brought an abundance of love, knowledge, and skills that
26 have helped the sorority grow greatly in various areas; since
27 the beginning of the great chapter, many continuing activities

1 have successfully been carried out, including participating in
2 the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon; participating in Bessemer's
3 Christmas Parade; observing Founder's Day in January; adopting
4 the Meadow Wood Nursing Home; sponsoring Storcks' Nest;
5 sponsoring families for Christmas; feeding families for
6 Thanksgiving; attending and participating in State, Regional,
7 and Boule conferences; honoring many outstanding citizens in
8 the Jefferson County area; presenting scholarships to
9 outstanding and worthy students in the Jefferson County area;
10 hosting the Alabama State Conference in 2002; being involved
11 in the Z-Hope Project; contributing to numerous organizations,
12 including other Greek organizations; and attending social and
13 cultural events sponsored by Lambda Zeta Zeta Chapter and
14 other sororities and fraternities; and

15 WHEREAS, the great sisterhood of Lambda Zeta Zeta
16 Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has been making
17 lasting imprints in the Bessemer Community since the
18 chartering of the chapter; with the dedication and cooperation
19 of this remarkable group of graduate women, the chapter will
20 continue to positively impact the City of Bessemer; now
21 therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
23 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Lambda Zeta Zeta Chapter of
24 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is highly commended for its
25 numerous achievements, and this resolution hereby serves as a
26 tribute to the incredible chapter with utmost admiration,

1 along with sincere best wishes for continued happiness and
2 success in all future endeavors.