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3 By Representatives Robinson (O) and Scott  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY AND THE  
9 CITY OF BIRMINGHAM FOR HOSTING THE 2014 PHI BETA SIGMA  
10 FRATERNITY STATE CONFERENCE.

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12 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., was  
13 founded on January 9, 1914, at Howard University by Abram  
14 Langston Taylor, Leonard Francis Morse, and Charles Ignatius  
15 Brown; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2014, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.,  
17 commemorates its 100th year of service to the community and in  
18 the State of Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma was the first African  
20 American fraternity of the National Pan-Hellenic Council to be  
21 established in the State of Alabama in 1918 located in  
22 Tuskegee, Alabama, by way of the Gamma Sigma Chapter which is  
23 the Home Chapter of George Washington Carver; and

24 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Tau Sigma  
25 Chapter located in Birmingham, Alabama, is the home chapter of  
26 state leaders, such as Representative Rod Scott,  
27 Representative Oliver Robinson, and the late Representative

1 Demetrius C. Newton, Sr., who was the first African American  
2 Speaker Pro Tempore in the State of Alabama; and

3                   WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's Tau Sigma  
4 Chapter was established in Birmingham on January 14, 1924;  
5 Sigma Chapter was established on January 23, 1925, at Miles  
6 College becoming the first African American Undergraduate  
7 Chapter to be established in Birmingham; and Eta Epsilon  
8 Chapter was established in 1975 on the campus of the  
9 University of Alabama at Birmingham; and

10                  WHEREAS, Birmingham, Alabama, will be the designated  
11 2014 location for the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., to host  
12 its Alabama State Conference in commemoration of its  
13 centennial year of being founded; now therefore,

14                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize the Phi Beta  
16 Sigma Fraternity, Inc., on its commemoration of its centennial  
17 year since its 1914 founding, and further we recognize the  
18 City of Birmingham, Alabama, for hosting the 2014 Centennial  
19 commemoration state conference.