

Rep. Robinson offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 194.

A resolution to declare September 6, 2013, as Phi Beta Sigma Anti-Hazing Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., was founded at Howard University on January 9, 1914, by the Honorable Brother A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Brother Leonard F. Morse, and Honorable Brother Charles I. Brown, who wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service; and

Whereas, For nearly 100 years Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., has been a leading proactive community service organization. Proudly living out its motto of “Culture for Service and Service for Humanity”; and

Whereas, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., in its effort to educate the community on the indecency of senseless violence and injustice associated with the practice of hazing. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., is leading an aggressive anti-hazing campaign intended to eradicate the culture of hazing from Black Greek-letter organizations and the broader community at large. The major anti-hazing campaign is entitled “Let’s Not Beat The Life Out Of A Beautiful Legacy”; and

Whereas, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., has made successful efforts to form a national coalition of civic organizations, academic institutions, politicians, and concerned citizens to stand together to denounce and stop the culture of hazing; and

Whereas, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., has proclaimed September 6, as its “National Day of Anti-Hazing”; and

Whereas, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., National Anti-Hazing Day is a national day of activities with speakers and events intended to draw attention to the damage that hazing is doing to our communities, inform families what they can do locally to combat hazing, a reduction in the incidences of hazing in all organizations nationwide, and the passage of federal anti-hazing legislation; and

Whereas, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., having six alumni chapters and fourteen collegiate chapters at universities throughout Michigan, is committed to putting an end to this divisive and destructive culture, which threatens to further decimate not only the African-American community, but also the wider society”; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That that the members of this legislative body declare September 6, 2013, as Phi Beta Sigma Anti-Hazing Day in the state of Michigan. We support Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., as they continue to work with residents, academic institutions, businesses, and government. By bringing the forces of many different communities together to attack this problem, the coalition hopes to destroy the culture of hazing and replace it with a culture of service; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be delivered to Luther Glenn Jr., Chapter President of Alpha Alpha Beta Sigma of Metropolitan Detroit Alumni on behalf of the International President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and the other chapters based in Michigan.