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By Senator Bullard

39-1911-03 1 Senate Resolution No. ____ 2 A resolution acknowledging the invaluable contributions Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 3 4 has made to the people of Florida, and 5 recognizing March 16-18, 2003, as "The 9th 6 Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol." 7 8 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a public 9 service organization founded in January 1913 by 22 outstanding 10 women at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and WHEREAS, nearly 6 weeks after its founding, the first 11 12 public act of the Sorority was its participation in the Women's Suffrage Movement demanding rights for women, 13 particularly the right to vote, and 14 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a 15 sisterhood of college-educated women committed to implementing 16 17 the sorority's mission through its Five Point Program Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, Physical and 18 19 Mental Health, Political Awareness, and International Awareness and Involvement, and 20 21 WHEREAS, this organization recently celebrated 90 years 22 of exemplary service and support to local communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues, supporting quality 23 education, and producing new projects to stimulate current and 24 25 future economic growth, and WHEREAS, with over 200,000 college-educated women and 26 27 over 950 chapters worldwide--47 chapters located in Florida 28 and the Bahamas--members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are 29 clearly focused and visible as corporate and civic leaders, 30 productive public officials, acclaimed academicians, and 31 activists in their own right, and 1 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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1	WHEREAS, for the past 8 years, the Sorority's Florida
2	Chapters have conducted "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol" to
3	provide information to state legislators and government
4	executives which is vital to developing public policy; to host
5	a reception for state legislators and government executives;
6	and to monitor the progress of pending legislation related to
7	significant public policy issues, and
8	WHEREAS, on March 16-18, 2003, the members of the 47
9	Chapters of the Sorority that now serve Florida and the
10	Bahamas will converge on Tallahassee to conduct "The 9th
11	Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol," focusing on a theme
12	of Leadership, Advocacy, and Empowerment in taking social
13	action and delivering public services, NOW, THEREFORE,
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15	Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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17	That the Florida Senate commends Delta Sigma Theta
18	Sorority, Inc., for its contributions to the people of
19	Florida, and recognizes March 16-18, 2003, as "The 9th Annual
20	Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."
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