

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution acknowledging the invaluable contributions of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, to the people of Florida, and recognizing March 18-20, 2007, as "The 13th Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a public service organization founded on January 13, 1913, by 22 outstanding women at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and

WHEREAS, nearly 6 weeks after its founding, the first public act of the sorority was its participation in the Women's Suffrage March demanding voting rights for women, and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a sisterhood of college-educated women committed to implementing the sorority's mission through its Five-Point Program Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement, and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2007, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, celebrated 94 years of exemplary service and support to local communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues, supporting quality education, and producing new projects to stimulate current and future economic growth, and

WHEREAS, the membership of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, exceeds 200,000 college-educated women nationally and 950 chapters worldwide--47 chapters located in Florida and the Bahamas--with women who are focused and visible as corporate and civic leaders, productive public

1 officials, acclaimed academicians, and activists in their own
2 right, and

3 WHEREAS, the Beta Alpha, Kappa Epsilon, Tallahassee
4 Alumnae, and Gadsden County Alumnae Chapters initiated an
5 opportunity for Deltas to meet with Florida Legislators to
6 voice issues of concern annually, and hosted the 1st Annual
7 Delta Days at the Florida Capitol in March of 1995, and

8 WHEREAS, for the past 12 years, the sorority's Florida
9 chapters have conducted "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol" to
10 provide information to state legislators and government
11 executives, assisting in developing public policy; hosting a
12 reception for state legislators and government executives; and
13 monitoring the progress of pending legislation related to
14 significant public policy issues, and

15 WHEREAS, Desinda "Dee" Wood-Carper, 2007 D.D.A.C
16 Chairwoman, and Yolanda Cash Jackson and Sha'ron James, 2007
17 D.D.A.C Co-Chairs, under the leadership of Heddie M. Sumpter,
18 Regional Social Action Coordinator, will introduce the
19 Inaugural Honorable Carrie P. Meek Servant Leadership
20 Luncheon: "A Tribute to Deltas in Public Service," recognizing
21 the contributions that members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
22 Incorporated, have made locally, regionally, and nationally in
23 the State of Florida, and

24 WHEREAS, on March 18-20, 2007, the members of the 47
25 chapters of the Sorority that now serve Florida and the
26 Bahamas will converge on Tallahassee to conduct The 13th
27 Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol, focusing on a theme
28 of "Leadership, Advocacy, and Empowerment" in taking social
29 action and delivering public services, and

30 WHEREAS, Senator Larcenia J. Bullard, Senator Arthenia
31 L. Joyner, Representative Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall,

1 Representative Audrey Gibson, and Representative Joyce Cusack
2 are esteemed members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
3 Incorporated, NOW, THEREFORE,
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5 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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7 That the Florida Senate commends Delta Sigma Theta
8 Sorority, Incorporated, for its contributions to the people of
9 Florida, and recognizes March 18-20, 2007, as "The 13th Annual
10 Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."
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