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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution acknowledging the invaluable contributions of  
3 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and recognizing  
4 March 18-20, 2007, as "The 13th Annual Delta Days at the  
5 Florida Capitol."  
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7 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a  
8 public service organization founded on January 13, 1913, by 22  
9 outstanding women at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and

10 WHEREAS, nearly 6 weeks after its founding, the first  
11 public act of the sorority was its participation in the Women's  
12 Suffrage March which demanded voting rights for women in  
13 America, and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, the membership of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
26 Incorporated, consists of more than 200,000 college-educated  
27 women nationally and 950 chapters worldwide, including 47  
28 chapters located in Florida and the Bahamas, the women of which

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29 are focused and visible as corporate and civic leaders,  
30 productive public officials, acclaimed academicians, and  
31 activists in their own right, and

32 WHEREAS, the Beta Alpha, Kappa Epsilon, Tallahassee  
33 Alumnae, and Gadsden County Alumnae Chapters initiated an annual  
34 opportunity for Deltas to meet with Florida Legislators to voice  
35 issues of concern, and hosted the 1st Annual Delta Days at the  
36 Florida Capitol in March of 1995, and

37 WHEREAS, for the past 12 years, the sorority's Florida  
38 chapters have conducted "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol" to  
39 provide information to state legislators and government  
40 executives, assisting in developing public policy; hosting a  
41 reception for state legislators and government executives; and  
42 monitoring the progress of pending legislation related to  
43 significant public policy issues, and

44 WHEREAS, Desinda "Dee" Wood-Carper, 2007 D.D.A.C  
45 Chairwoman, and Yolanda Cash Jackson and Sha'ron James, 2007  
46 D.D.A.C Co-Chairs, under the leadership of Heddie M. Sumpster,  
47 Regional Social Action Coordinator, will introduce the Inaugural  
48 Honorable Carrie P. Meek Servant Leadership Luncheon: "A Tribute  
49 to Deltas in Public Service," recognizing the contributions that  
50 members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, have made  
51 locally, regionally, and nationally in the State of Florida, and

52 WHEREAS, on March 18-20, 2007, the members of the 47  
53 chapters of the sorority that now serve within Florida and the  
54 Bahamas will meet in Tallahassee to conduct The 13th Annual  
55 Delta Days at the Florida Capitol, focusing on a theme of

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56 "Leadership, Advocacy, and Empowerment" to take social action  
57 and deliver public services, and

58 WHEREAS, Senators Larcenia J. Bullard and Arthenia L.  
59 Joyner and Representatives Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Audrey  
60 Gibson, and Joyce Cusack are esteemed members of Delta Sigma  
61 Theta Sorority, Incorporated, NOW, THEREFORE,

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63 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
64 Florida:

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66 That Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is commended  
67 for its contributions to the people of Florida, and March 18-20,  
68 2007, is recognized as "The 13th Annual Delta Days at the  
69 Florida Capitol."