

By Senator Bullard

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution acknowledging the invaluable  
3 contributions Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has  
4 made to the people of Florida, and recognizing March  
5 29-31, 2009, as "The 15th Annual Delta Days at the  
6 Florida Capitol."

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

11 WHEREAS, nearly 6 weeks after its founding, the first  
12 public act of the sorority was its participation in the Women's  
13 Suffrage Movement, demanding rights for women, particularly the  
14 right to vote, and

15 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a sisterhood  
16 of college-educated women committed to implementing the  
17 sorority's mission through its Five-Point Program Thrust:  
18 economic development, educational development, physical and  
19 mental health, political awareness and involvement, and  
20 international awareness and involvement, and

21 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., recently  
22 celebrated 96 years of exemplary service and support to local  
23 communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues,  
24 supporting quality education, producing new projects to  
25 stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the  
26 holistic well-being of minority populations internationally, and

27 WHEREAS, with more than 200,000 college-educated women and  
28 more than 950 chapters worldwide - 52 of those chapters located  
29 in Florida and the Bahamas, alone, members of Delta Sigma Theta

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

33 WHEREAS, for the past 15 years, the sorority's Florida  
34 chapters have conducted "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol" to  
35 provide information to state legislators and government  
36 executives that is vital to developing public policy; host a  
37 reception for state legislators and government executives; and  
38 monitor the progress of pending legislation related to  
39 significant public policy issues, and

40 WHEREAS, on March 29-31, 2009, under the leadership of  
41 Christine M. Nixon, the 22nd Southern Regional Director, the  
42 members of the 52 chapters of the sorority that now serve  
43 Florida and the Bahamas will converge on Tallahassee to conduct  
44 "The 15th Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol," celebrating  
45 the theme "Advocacy in Action: Strengthening Our Legacy," and  
46 providing special recognition at the Third Annual Honorable  
47 Carrie P. Meek Servant Leadership Luncheon to the state's Delta  
48 Dears, who have blazed trails in social advocacy and public  
49 service, and

50 WHEREAS, Senators Larcenia J. Bullard and Arthenia L.  
51 Joyner, and Representatives Audrey Gibson and Gwyndolen Clarke-  
52 Reed are esteemed members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,  
53 NOW, THEREFORE,

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55 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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57 That the Florida Senate commends Delta Sigma Theta  
58 Sorority, Inc., for its contributions to the people of Florida,

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59 and recognizes March 29-31, 2009, as "The 15th Annual Delta Days  
60 at the Florida Capitol."