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House Resolution

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

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 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 Movement demanding rights for women, particularly the right to vote, and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a sisterhood of college-educated women committed to implementing the sorority's mission through its Five Point Program Thrust:

Economic Development, Educational Development, Physical and Mental Health, Political Awareness and Involvement, and International Awareness and Involvement, and

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

WHEREAS, with more than 200,000 college-educated women and over 900 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are located in Florida and the Bahamas, members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are

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clearly focused and visible as corporate and civic leaders, productive public officials, acclaimed academicians, and activists in their own right, and

WHEREAS, for the past 14 years, the sorority's Florida chapters have conducted "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol" to provide information to state legislators and government executives which is vital to developing public policy; to host a reception for state legislators and government executives; and to monitor the progress of pending legislation related to significant public policy issues, and

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

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

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

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That the Florida House of Representatives commends Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for its contributions to the people of Florida and recognizes March 29-31, 2009, as "The 15th Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."

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