

By Senator Joyner

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Senate Resolution

A resolution acknowledging the invaluable contributions Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has made to the people of Florida, and recognizing March 21-23, 2010, as "The 16th 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 97 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 minority populations internationally, and

WHEREAS, with more than 200,000 college-educated women and more than 950 chapters worldwide - 52 of those chapters located 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 which is vital to developing public policy; to host a  
37 reception for state legislators and government executives; and  
38 to monitor the progress of pending legislation related to  
39 significant public policy issues, and

40 WHEREAS, on March 21-23, 2010, 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 16th Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol, celebrating  
45 the theme "Advocacy in Action: Strengthening Our Legacy," and  
46 providing special recognition at the Fourth 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 Arthenia L. Joyner and Larcenia J.  
51 Bullard 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 21-23, 2010, as "The 16th Annual Delta Days  
60 at the Florida Capitol."