

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution acknowledging the invaluable contributions made to the people of Florida by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizing January 22-24, 2012, as "The 18th 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 99 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 initiated and more than 950 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are located in Florida and the Bahamas, 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 17 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 January 22-24, 2012, under the leadership of  
41 Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner and Southern  
42 Regional Representative Manica Pierrette, the members of the 52  
43 chapters of the sorority now serving Florida and the Bahamas  
44 will converge on Tallahassee to conduct the 18th Annual Delta  
45 Days at the Florida Capitol and provide special recognition at  
46 the Sixth Annual Honorable Carrie P. Meek Servant Leadership  
47 Luncheon to the state's Delta Dears, who have blazed trails in  
48 social advocacy and public service, and

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

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

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56 That the Florida Senate commends Delta Sigma Theta  
57 Sorority, Inc., for its contributions to the people of Florida,  
58 and recognizes January 22-24, 2012, as "The 18th Annual Delta

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59 Days at the Florida Capitol."