

By Senator Joyner

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution acknowledging the remarkable
3 contributions made to the people of this state by
4 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizing
5 April 7-9, 2013, as the 19th 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 illustrious collegiate women at Howard University in Washington,
11 D.C., and

12 WHEREAS, nearly 6 weeks after its founding, the first
13 public act of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was its
14 participation in the Women's Suffrage Movement, demanding rights
15 for women, particularly the right to vote, and

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

22 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., recently
23 celebrated 100 years of commendable service and support to local
24 communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues,
25 supporting quality education, producing new projects to
26 stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the
27 holistic well-being of minority populations internationally, and

28 WHEREAS, with more than 250,000 college-educated women
29 initiated and more than 950 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are

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30 located in Florida and the Bahamas, members of Delta Sigma Theta
31 Sorority, Inc., are clearly focused and visible as corporate and
32 civic leaders, productive public officials, acclaimed
33 academicians, and activists in their own right, and

34 WHEREAS, for the past 18 years, the Florida chapters of
35 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at
36 the Florida Capitol," providing information to state legislators
37 and members of the executive branch which is vital to developing
38 public policy; hosting a reception for state legislators and
39 members of the executive branch; and monitoring the progress of
40 pending legislation related to significant public policy issues,
41 and

42 WHEREAS, on April 7-9, 2013, under the leadership of
43 Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner and Southern
44 Regional Representative Manica Pierrette, members of the 52
45 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., now serving
46 Florida and the Bahamas will converge in Tallahassee to
47 participate in the 19th annual "Delta Days at the Florida
48 Capitol," celebrating the theme "A Century in Service: Advocacy
49 in Action," and

50 WHEREAS, the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,
51 will provide special recognition at the Seventh Annual Honorable
52 Carrie P. Meek Servant Leadership Luncheon of the late and
53 honorable Yvonne Kennedy, past national president of Delta Sigma
54 Theta Sorority, Inc., and the late soror Mercedese R. Clarke, a
55 former "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol" committee member,
56 both of whom blazed trails in social advocacy and public
57 service, and

58 WHEREAS, Senators Audrey Gibson and Arthenia L. Joyner and

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59 Representative Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed are esteemed members of
60 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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64 That the Florida Senate commends the remarkable
65 contributions made to the people of this state by Delta Sigma
66 Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizes April 7-9, 2013, as the
67 19th annual "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."