

By Senators Joyner and Gibson

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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 March 23-25, 2014, as the 20th Annual "Delta Days at  
6 the 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 African-American women at Howard  
11 University in Washington, 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, an act for which they  
16 could not fathom the historic footprint they were leaving for  
17 generations to follow, and

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

24 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in 2013  
25 celebrated 100 years of commendable service and support to local  
26 communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues,  
27 supporting quality education, producing new projects to  
28 stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the  
29 holistic well-being of minority populations internationally, and

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30 WHEREAS, with more than 250,000 college-educated women  
31 initiated and more than 950 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are  
32 located in Florida and the Bahamas, members of Delta Sigma Theta  
33 Sorority, Inc., are clearly focused and visible as corporate and  
34 civic leaders, productive public officials, acclaimed  
35 academicians, and activists in their own right, and

36 WHEREAS, for the past 19 years, the Florida chapters of  
37 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at  
38 the Florida Capitol," where members advocate for social justice  
39 and broaden their knowledge of the state's legislative process  
40 and provide information to state legislators and members of the  
41 executive branch which is vital to developing public policy; and  
42 monitor the progress of pending legislation relevant to  
43 significant public policy issues, and

44 WHEREAS, on March 23-25, 2014, under the leadership of  
45 Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner and Southern  
46 Regional Representative Manica Pierrette, members of the 52  
47 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., now serving  
48 Florida and the Bahamas will converge in Tallahassee to  
49 participate in the 20th annual "Delta Days at the Florida  
50 Capitol," celebrating the theme set forth by National President  
51 Paulette Walker, "Uncompromising Commitment to Communities:  
52 Service, Leadership, Empowerment," and

53 WHEREAS, Senators Audrey Gibson and Arthenia L. Joyner and  
54 Representative Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed are esteemed members of  
55 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., NOW, THEREFORE,

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57 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:  
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59           That the Florida Senate commends the remarkable  
60 contributions made to the people of this state by Delta Sigma  
61 Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizes March 23-25, 2014, as the  
62 20th Annual "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."