

1 House 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, in its first public act nearly 6 weeks after its
13 founding, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., participated in the
14 Women's Suffrage Movement, demanding rights for women,
15 particularly the right to vote, which left a historic footprint
16 for generations to follow, and

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

23 WHEREAS, in 2013, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,
24 celebrated 100 years of commendable service and support to local
25 communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues,

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26 | supporting quality education, producing new projects to
27 | stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the
28 | holistic well-being of minority populations internationally, and

29 | WHEREAS, with more than 250,000 college-educated women
30 | initiated and more than 1,000 chapters worldwide, 56 of which
31 | are located in Florida and the Bahamas, members of Delta Sigma
32 | Theta Sorority, Inc., are clearly focused and visible as
33 | corporate and civic leaders, productive public officials,
34 | acclaimed academicians, and activists in their own right, and

35 | WHEREAS, for the past 19 years, the Florida chapters of
36 | Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at
37 | the Florida Capitol," to allow members the opportunity to
38 | advocate for social justice while broadening their knowledge of
39 | the state's legislative process, to provide information vital to
40 | the development of public policy to state legislators and
41 | members of the executive branch, and to monitor the progress of
42 | pending legislation relevant to significant public policy
43 | 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 56
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," and to celebrate the theme set forth by National

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51 President Paulette Walker, "Uncompromising Commitment to
52 Communities: 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 House of Representatives of the State of
58 Florida:

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60 That Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is commended for its
61 remarkable contributions to the people of this state and that
62 March 23-25, 2014, is recognized as "The 20th Annual Delta Days
63 at the Florida Capitol."