

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 22-24, 2015, as the 21st 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, Delta Sigma
13 Theta Sorority, Inc., joined in the Women's Suffrage Movement,
14 demanding rights for women, including the right to vote, a
15 historic endeavor that transformed the role of women in the
16 democratic process, 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, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in 2013
24 celebrated 100 years of commendable service and support to local
25 communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues,
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 200,000 college-educated women

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30 initiated and more than 900 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are
31 located in Florida and the Bahamas, members of Delta Sigma Theta
32 Sorority, Inc., are clearly focused and visible as corporate and
33 civic leaders, productive public officials, acclaimed
34 academicians, and activists in their own right, and

35 WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, the Florida chapters of
36 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at
37 the Florida Capitol," where members advocate for social justice
38 as well as broaden their knowledge of the state's legislative
39 process, provide information to state legislators and members of
40 the executive branch which is vital to developing public policy,
41 and monitor the progress of pending legislation relevant to
42 significant public policy issues, and

43 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Southern Regional Director
44 Cheryl W. Turner and Southern Regional Representative Brittany
45 Stephenson, members of the 52 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta
46 Sorority, Inc., now serving Florida and the Bahamas will
47 converge March 22-24, 2015, in Tallahassee to participate in the
48 21st annual "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol," celebrating the
49 theme set forth by National President Paulette Walker,
50 "Uncompromising Commitment to Communities: Service, Leadership,
51 Empowerment," and

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

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

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58 That the Florida Senate commends the remarkable

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59 contributions made to the people of this state by Delta Sigma
60 Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizes March 22-24, 2015, as the
61 21st annual "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."