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House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring Dr. Paulette Walker and the
3 remarkable contributions made to the people of this
4 state by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and
5 recognizing March 22-24, 2015, as the 21st annual
6 "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."
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8 WHEREAS, President Dr. Paulette Walker has called Tampa
9 home since 1990; is an active member of Mt. Olive AME Church; is
10 affiliated with the PACE Center for Girls Advisory Board, the
11 Moffitt Cancer Center Advisory Board, the Mt. Olive Tampa
12 Community Development Center, the Mt. Pleasant Charter School
13 Advisory Board, the Governor's Commission on African American
14 Affairs, and the American Cancer Society-Hank Warren Advisory
15 Board in Hillsborough County; is a recipient of the Ronald
16 McNair Scholars Research Mentor Award, the Ronald McNair
17 Scholars Role Model Mentor Award, the Outstanding Undergraduate
18 Advisor Award from the University of South Florida, the
19 Certificate of Merit Institutional Award of the American College
20 Testing Program and National Academic Advising Association, and
21 the President's Affirmative Action Award from the University of
22 South Florida; and in July 2011, retired as the director of
23 undergraduate programs and internship in the College of
24 Education at the University of South Florida, where her research
25 agenda focused on curriculum and instruction as well as
26 administration and supervision issues in urban schools, and

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27 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a public
28 service organization founded on January 13, 1913, by 22
29 illustrious collegiate African-American women at Howard
30 University in Washington, D.C., and

31 WHEREAS, nearly six weeks after its founding, the first
32 public act of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was its
33 participation in the Women's Suffrage Movement, demanding rights
34 for women, particularly the right to vote, an act for which they
35 could not fathom the historic footprint they were leaving for
36 generations to follow, and

37 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a sisterhood
38 of college-educated women committed to implementing the
39 sorority's mission through its Five-Point Program Thrust:
40 economic development, educational development, physical and
41 mental health, political awareness and involvement, and
42 international awareness and involvement, and

43 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in 2013,
44 celebrated 100 years of commendable service and support to local
45 communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues,
46 supporting quality education, producing new projects to
47 stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the
48 holistic well-being of minority populations internationally, and

49 WHEREAS, with more than 250,000 college-educated women
50 initiated and more than 950 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are
51 located in Florida and the Bahamas, members of Delta Sigma Theta
52 Sorority, Inc., are clearly focused and visible as corporate and

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53 civic leaders, productive public officials, acclaimed
54 academicians, and activists in their own right, and

55 WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, the Florida chapters of
56 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at
57 the Florida Capitol," where members advocate for social justice,
58 broaden their knowledge of the state's legislative process,
59 provide information to state legislators and members of the
60 executive branch, which is vital to developing public policy,
61 and monitor the progress of pending legislation relevant to
62 significant public policy issues, and

63 WHEREAS, on March 22-24, 2015, under the leadership of
64 Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner and Southern
65 Regional Representative Brittany Stephenson, members of the 52
66 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., now serving
67 Florida and the Bahamas, will converge in Tallahassee to
68 participate in the 21st annual "Delta Days at the Florida
69 Capitol," celebrating the theme set forth by National President
70 Paulette Walker, "Uncompromising Commitment to Communities:
71 Service, Leadership, Empowerment," and

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

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76 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
77 Florida:

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79 That the remarkable contributions made to the people of
80 this state by President Paulette Walker and Delta Sigma Theta
81 Sorority, Inc., are commended, and March 22-24, 2015, is
82 recognized as the 21st annual "Delta Days at the Florida
83 Capitol."