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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
3 Inc., for its remarkable contributions to the people  
4 of this state and recognizing January 24-26, 2016, as  
5 the 22nd annual "Delta Days at the Capitol."  
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7 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a public  
8 service organization founded on January 13, 1913, by 22  
9 illustrious collegiate African-American women at Howard  
10 University in Washington, D.C., and

11 WHEREAS, only 6 weeks after its founding, Delta Sigma Theta  
12 Sorority, Inc., joined in the women's suffrage movement,  
13 demanding rights for women, including the right to vote, a  
14 historic endeavor that transformed the role of women in the  
15 democratic process, 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, in 2013, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,  
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

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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 900 chapters worldwide, 53 of which are  
30 located in Florida and the Bahamas, members of Delta Sigma Theta  
31 Sorority, Inc., are focused and visible corporate and civic  
32 leaders, productive public officials, acclaimed academicians,  
33 and activists in their own right, and

34 WHEREAS, for the past 21 years, the Florida chapters of  
35 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at  
36 the Capitol," during which members have the unique opportunity  
37 to advocate policies and legislation that impact every area of  
38 their Five-Point Program Thrust; promote leadership, advocacy,  
39 and empowerment to effect social change and public policy;  
40 advocate for social justice as well as broaden their knowledge  
41 of the state's legislative process; and influence the enactment  
42 of legislation of particular interest to African Americans and  
43 women, and

44 WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Paulette C.  
45 Walker, Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner, and  
46 Southern Regional Representative Brittany Stephenson, members of  
47 the 53 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., who are  
48 currently serving Florida and the Bahamas will converge January  
49 24-26, 2016, in Tallahassee to participate in the 22nd annual  
50 "Delta Days at the Capitol," and

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

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55 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
56 Florida:

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58 That Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is commended for its  
59 remarkable contributions to the people of this state and that  
60 January 24-26, 2016, is recognized as the 22nd annual "Delta  
61 Days at the Capitol."