

By Senator Gibson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution acknowledging the remarkable contributions made to the people of this state by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizing March 19-21, 2017, as the 23rd annual "Delta Days at the Capitol."

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, with more than 250,000 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 22 years, the Florida chapters of
36 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at
37 the Capitol," where members have a unique opportunity to
38 advocate policies and legislation that will impact every area of
39 the Five-Point Program Thrust, promote leadership, advocacy, and
40 empowerment to effect social change and public policy, advocate
41 for social justice as well as broaden their knowledge of the
42 state's legislative process, and influence the enactment of
43 legislation of particular interest to African Americans and
44 women, and

45 WHEREAS, under the leadership of the national president of
46 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Paulette C. Walker, a resident
47 of Tampa; Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner; and
48 Southern Regional Representative Brittany Stephenson, members of
49 the 52 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., now serving
50 Florida and the Bahamas will converge March 19-21, 2017, in
51 Tallahassee to participate in the 23rd annual "Delta Days at the
52 Capitol," and

53 WHEREAS, Senator Audrey Gibson is an esteemed member 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 Delta Sigma Theta

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59 Sorority, Inc., for the remarkable contributions the
60 organization has made to the people of this state and recognizes
61 March 19-21, 2017, as the 23rd annual "Delta Days at the
62 Capitol."