

By Senator 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 January 21-23, 2018, as the 24th annual "Delta Days at
6 the Capitol."
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8 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a private,
9 not-for-profit 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, only 6 weeks after its founding, Delta Sigma Theta
13 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 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 23 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., Beverly E. Smith, a native of
47 Massillon, Ohio; Southern Regional Director Sandra K. Horton;
48 and Southern Regional Representative Jessica Shotwell, and the
49 25th National President, Dr. Paulette C. Walker, a resident of
50 Tampa, members of the 52 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
51 Inc., now serving Florida and the Bahamas will converge January
52 21-23, 2018, in Tallahassee to participate in the 24th annual
53 "Delta Days at the Capitol," and

54 WHEREAS, Senator Audrey Gibson is an esteemed member of
55 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., NOW, THEREFORE,

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57 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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59 That the Florida Senate commends Delta Sigma Theta
60 Sorority, Inc., for the remarkable contributions the
61 organization has made to the people of this state and recognizes
62 January 21-23, 2018, as the 24th annual "Delta Days at the
63 Capitol."