

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 31-April 2, 2019, as the 25th annual "Delta Days at the Capitol."

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a private, not-for-profit 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 Programmatic 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 24 years, the Florida chapters of  
36 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at  
37 the Capitol," during which members have a unique opportunity to  
38 advocate policies and legislation that will impact every area of  
39 the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust; promote leadership,  
40 advocacy, and empowerment to effect social change and public  
41 policy; advocate for social justice, as well as broaden their  
42 knowledge of the state's legislative process; and influence the  
43 enactment of legislation of particular interest to African  
44 Americans and 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 Southern Regional Representative Jasmine Minor; and the 25th  
49 National President, Dr. Paulette C. Walker, a resident of Tampa,  
50 members of the 52 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,  
51 now serving Florida and the Bahamas will converge March 31-April  
52 2, 2019, in Tallahassee to participate in the 25th annual "Delta  
53 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 March 31-April 2, 2019, as the 25th annual "Delta Days at the  
63 Capitol."