

By Senator Gibson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution expressing appreciation for the remarkable contributions made to the people of this state by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizing February 9-11, 2020, as the 26th 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, 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, in 2013, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 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 initiated and more than 900 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are

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

34 WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, the Florida chapters of
35 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at
36 the Capitol," during which members have a unique opportunity to
37 show their support for policies and legislation that will impact
38 every area of the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust; promote the
39 role of leadership, advocacy, and empowerment in effecting
40 social change and public policy; advocate for social justice, as
41 well as broaden members' knowledge of the state's legislative
42 process; and influence the enactment of legislation of
43 particular interest to African Americans and women, and

44 WHEREAS, under the leadership of the national president of
45 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Beverly E. Smith; Southern
46 Regional Director Sandra K. Horton; Southern Regional
47 Representative Jasmine Minor; and the 26th National President,
48 Dr. Paulette C. Walker, a resident of Tampa, members of the 52
49 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., now serving
50 Florida and the Bahamas will converge February 9-11, 2020, in
51 Tallahassee to participate in the 26th 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 remarkable contributions made to the people of

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59 this state by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., are appreciated
60 and that February 9-11, 2020, is recognized as the 26th annual
61 "Delta Days at the Capitol."