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1 House 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 February 9-11, 2020, as the 26th 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 107 years ago on January 13,
10 1913, by 22 collegiate women at Howard University in Washington,
11 D.C., and

12 WHEREAS, in March of 1913, the founders of Delta Sigma
13 Theta Sorority, Inc., performed their first public act by
14 participating in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington, D.C.,
15 demanding rights for women, including the right to vote, a
16 historic endeavor that transformed the role of women in the
17 democratic process, and

18 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a sisterhood
19 of predominantly Black college-educated women committed to
20 implementing the sorority's mission by providing assistance and
21 support through established programs in communities throughout
22 the world in the areas of economic development, educational
23 development, physical and mental health, political awareness and
24 involvement, and international awareness and involvement, and

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25 WHEREAS, with more than 250,000 college-educated women
26 initiated and more than 900 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are
27 located in Florida and the Bahamas, members of Delta Sigma Theta
28 Sorority, Inc., are pillars of the community and agents of
29 change who serve in many capacities, including as corporate and
30 civic leaders, productive public officials, acclaimed
31 academicians, and activists in their own right, and

32 WHEREAS, for the past 26 years, the Florida chapters of
33 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at
34 the Capitol," during which members have the opportunity to
35 effect social change and public policy, advocate for social
36 justice, enhance their knowledge of the state's legislative
37 process, and influence the enactment of legislation of
38 particular interest to African Americans and women, and

39 WHEREAS, under the leadership of the national president of
40 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Beverly E. Smith; Southern
41 Regional Director Sandra K. Horton; Southern Regional
42 Representative Jasmine Minor; and the 25th National President,
43 Dr. Paulette C. Walker, a Florida resident, members of the 52
44 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., now serving
45 Florida and the Bahamas will convene February 9-11, 2020, in
46 Tallahassee to participate in the 26th annual "Delta Days at the
47 Capitol," and

48 WHEREAS, Representative Patricia H. Williams is an esteemed
49 member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., NOW, THEREFORE,

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51 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
52 Florida:

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54 That the Florida House of Representatives commends Delta
55 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for the remarkable contributions the
56 organization has made to the people of this state and recognizes
57 February 9-11, 2020, as the 26th annual "Delta Days at the
58 Capitol."