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 20, 2022, as the 28th annual "Delta Day at the Capitol."

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> 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 6-02858A-22 20221978

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

WHEREAS, for the past 27 years, the Florida chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at the Capitol," during which members have a unique opportunity to show their support for policies and legislation that will impact every area of the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust; promote the role of leadership, advocacy, and empowerment in effecting social change and public policy; advocate for social justice, as well as broaden members' knowledge of the state's legislative process; and influence the enactment of legislation of particular interest to African Americans and women, and

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

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That February 20, 2022, is recognized as the 28th annual "Delta Day at the Capitol."

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