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House Resolution

A resolution acknowledging the invaluable contributions Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has made to the people of Florida and recognizing March 21-23, 2010, as "The 16th Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."

7 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a public
8 service organization founded on January 13, 1913, by 22
9 outstanding women at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and

10 WHEREAS, nearly 6 weeks after its founding, the first 11 public act of the sorority was its participation in the Women's 12 Suffrage Movement demanding rights for women, particularly the 13 right to vote, 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 Program Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, Physical and Mental Health, Political Awareness and Involvement, and International Awareness and Involvement, and

20 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., recently 21 celebrated 97 years of exemplary service and support to local 22 communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues, 23 supporting quality education, producing new projects to 24 stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the 25 holistic well-being of minorities internationally, and

26 WHEREAS, with more than 200,000 college-educated women and 27 over 900 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are located in Florida 28 and the Bahamas, members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are

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29 clearly focused and visible as corporate and civic leaders, 30 productive public officials, acclaimed academicians, and 31 activists in their own right, and

32 WHEREAS, for the past 15 years, the sorority's Florida 33 chapters have conducted "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol" to 34 provide information to state legislators and government 35 executives which is vital to developing public policy; to host a 36 reception for state legislators and government executives; and 37 to monitor the progress of pending legislation related to 38 significant public policy issues, and

39 WHEREAS, on March 21-23, 2010, under the leadership of 40 Christine M. Nixon, the 22nd Southern Regional Director, the 41 members of the 52 chapters of the sorority that now serve 42 Florida and the Bahamas will converge on Tallahassee to conduct 43 the 16th Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol, to celebrate 44 the theme "Advocacy in Action: Strengthening Our Legacy," and to provide special recognition to the Delta Dears who have blazed 45 trails in social advocacy and public service at the Fourth 46 47 Annual Honorable Carrie P. Meek Servant Leadership Luncheon, and

WHEREAS, Senators Larcenia J. Bullard and Arthenia L. Joyner and Representatives Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed and Audrey Gibson are esteemed members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., NOW, THEREFORE,

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53 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 54 Florida:

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56 That the Florida House of Representatives commends Delta 57 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for its contributions to the people 58 of Florida and recognizes March 21-23, 2010, as "The 16th Annual 59 Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."

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