

By Senator Bullard

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution acknowledging the invaluable
3 contributions made to the people of Florida by Delta
4 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizing March 20-
5 23, 2011, as "The 17th Annual Delta Days at the
6 Florida Capitol."

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

11 WHEREAS, nearly 6 weeks after its founding, the first
12 public act of the sorority was its participation in the Women's
13 Suffrage Movement, demanding rights for women, particularly the
14 right to vote, and

15 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a sisterhood
16 of college-educated women committed to implementing the
17 sorority's mission through its Five-Point Program Thrust:
18 economic development, educational development, physical and
19 mental health, political awareness and involvement, and
20 international awareness and involvement, and

21 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., recently
22 celebrated 98 years of exemplary service and support to local
23 communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues,
24 supporting quality education, producing new projects to
25 stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the
26 holistic well-being of minority populations internationally, and

27 WHEREAS, with more than 200,000 college-educated women and
28 more than 950 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are located in
29 Florida and the Bahamas, members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

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

33 WHEREAS, for the past 16 years, the sorority's Florida
34 chapters have conducted "Delta Days at the Florida Capitol" to
35 provide information to state legislators and government
36 executives which is vital to developing public policy; to host a
37 reception for state legislators and government executives; and
38 to monitor the progress of pending legislation related to
39 significant public policy issues, and

40 WHEREAS, on March 20-23, 2011, under the leadership of Lois
41 Gilder, Interim Southern Regional Director, the members of the
42 52 chapters of the sorority that now serve Florida and the
43 Bahamas will converge on Tallahassee to conduct the 17th Annual
44 Delta Days at the Florida Capitol and to provide special
45 recognition at the Fifth Annual Honorable Carrie P. Meek Servant
46 Leadership Luncheon to the state's Delta Dears, who have blazed
47 trails in social advocacy and public service, and

48 WHEREAS, Senators Arthenia L. Joyner and Larcenia J.
49 Bullard and Representative Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed are esteemed
50 members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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54 That the Florida Senate commends Delta Sigma Theta
55 Sorority, Inc., for its contributions to the people of Florida,
56 and recognizes March 20-23, 2011, as "The 17th Annual Delta Days
57 at the Florida Capitol."