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House Resolution

A resolution acknowledging the invaluable contributions made to the people of Florida by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizing January 23-25, 2012, as "The 18th Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."

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

WHEREAS, nearly 6 weeks after its founding, the first public act of the sorority was its participation in the Women's Suffrage Movement, demanding rights for women, particularly the 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 99 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 28 initiated and more than 950 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are

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

33 WHEREAS, for the past 17 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 January 23-25, 2012, under the leadership of 41 Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner and Southern 42 Regional Representative Manica Pierrette, the members of the 52 43 chapters of the sorority now serving Florida and the Bahamas 44 will converge on Tallahassee to conduct the 18th Annual Delta 45 Days at the Florida Capitol and provide special recognition at the Sixth Annual Honorable Carrie P. Meek Servant Leadership 46 47 Luncheon to the state's Delta Dears, who have blazed trails in social advocacy and public service, and 48

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

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54 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 55 Florida:

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57 That the Florida House of Representatives commends Delta 58 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for its contributions to the people 59 of Florida, and recognizes January 23-25, 2012, as "The 18th 60 Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol."

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