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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 January 21-23, 2018, as the 24th annual "Delta Days at  
6 the 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 illustrious collegiate African-American women at Howard  
11 University in Washington, D.C., and

12 WHEREAS, only 6 weeks after its founding, Delta Sigma Theta  
13 Sorority, Inc., joined in the women's suffrage movement,  
14 demanding rights for women, including the right to vote, a  
15 historic endeavor that transformed the role of women in the  
16 democratic process, and

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

23 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in 2013  
24 celebrated 100 years of commendable service and support to local  
25 communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues,

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26 | supporting quality education, producing new projects to  
27 | stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the  
28 | holistic well-being of minority populations internationally, and

29 |       WHEREAS, with more than 250,000 college-educated women  
30 | initiated and more than 900 chapters worldwide, 52 of which are  
31 | located in Florida and the Bahamas, members of Delta Sigma Theta  
32 | Sorority, Inc., are clearly focused and visible as corporate and  
33 | civic leaders, productive public officials, acclaimed  
34 | academicians, and activists in their own right, and

35 |       WHEREAS, for the past 23 years, the Florida chapters of  
36 | Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at  
37 | the Capitol," where members have a unique opportunity to  
38 | advocate policies and legislation that will impact every area of  
39 | the Five-Point Program Thrust; promote leadership, advocacy, and  
40 | empowerment to effect social change and public policy; advocate  
41 | for social justice, as well as broaden their knowledge of the  
42 | state's legislative process; and influence the enactment of  
43 | legislation of particular interest to African Americans and  
44 | women, and

45 |       WHEREAS, under the leadership of the national president of  
46 | Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Beverly E. Smith, a native of  
47 | Massillon, Ohio; Southern Regional Director Sandra K. Horton;  
48 | and Southern Regional Representative Jessica Shotwell, members  
49 | of the 52 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., now  
50 | serving Florida and the Bahamas will converge January 21-23,

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51 | 2018, in Tallahassee to participate in the 24th annual "Delta  
52 | Days at the Capitol," and

53 |       WHEREAS, Senator Audrey Gibson and Representative Patricia  
54 | Williams are esteemed members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
55 | Inc., NOW, THEREFORE,

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57 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
58 | Florida:

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60 |       That the Florida House of Representatives commends Delta  
61 | Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for the remarkable contributions the  
62 | organization has made to the people of this state and recognizes  
63 | January 21-23, 2018, as the 24th annual "Delta Days at the  
64 | Capitol."