

1 State of Arkansas  
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HR 1026

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. FOR ONE  
9 HUNDRED TEN (110) YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 INC. FOR ONE HUNDRED TEN (110) YEARS OF  
15 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

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17 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a private, not for profit  
18 organization that provides services to promote human welfare, was founded on  
19 January 13, 1913, at Howard University by twenty-two (22) undergraduate  
20 students who were all women; and

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22 WHEREAS, currently there are over three hundred fifty thousand  
23 (350,000) initiated members and over one thousand (1,000) chapters of Delta  
24 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in the United States, England, Japan, Germany,  
25 Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Bahamas, Canada, Jamaica, West Africa, Southern  
26 Africa, United Arab Emirates, and the Republic of Korea; and

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28 WHEREAS, in Arkansas, there are eleven (11) collegiate chapters and  
29 fifteen (15) alumnae chapters with over six hundred fifty (650) members who  
30 are committed to one (1) mission and one (1) sisterhood: Empowering  
31 Communities through Committed Service; and

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33 WHEREAS, the first public act of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was  
34 its participation in the Women's Suffrage March in 1913 in Washington, D.C.;  
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1           WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta has created programming to improve  
2 political, education, and social and economic conditions, particularly within  
3 Black communities; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. collaborates with community  
6 organizations and corporations to further its programming goals; and  
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8           WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has established programming  
9 that enlarges the scope and reach of sorority activity including  
10 collaborating with Habitat for Humanity in building hundreds of houses for  
11 those in need, engaging in a nationwide effort to provide library services in  
12 the rural South through the National Library Project, and adopting the  
13 Adelaide Tambo School for the Physically Disabled in South Africa among so  
14 many accomplishments,  
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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20           THAT the House of Representatives acknowledge the Delta Sigma Theta  
21 Sorority, Inc. and its members for providing one hundred ten (110) years of  
22 outstanding service and leadership to their communities.  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT February 21, 2023, be designated as Red and White  
25 Day in Arkansas in recognition of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
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