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House Resolution

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2 A resolution commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
3 Inc., for its remarkable contributions to the people
4 of this state and recognizing March 19-21, 2017, as
5 the 23rd annual "Delta Days at the Capitol."
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7 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a public
8 service organization founded on January 13, 1913, by 22
9 illustrious collegiate African-American women at Howard
10 University in Washington, D.C., and

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

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

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

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26 | stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the
27 | holistic well-being of minority populations internationally, and

28 | WHEREAS, with more than 200,000 college-educated women
29 | initiated since its founding and more than 1,000 chapters
30 | worldwide, 53 of which are located in Florida and the Bahamas,
31 | members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., are focused and
32 | visible corporate and civic leaders, productive public
33 | officials, acclaimed academicians, and activists in their own
34 | right, and

35 | WHEREAS, for the past 22 years, the Florida chapters of
36 | Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have conducted "Delta Days at
37 | the Capitol," during which members have the unique opportunity
38 | to advocate policies and legislation that impact every area of
39 | their Five-Point Program Thrust; promote leadership, advocacy,
40 | and empowerment to effect social change and public policy;
41 | advocate for social justice as well as broaden their knowledge
42 | of the state's legislative process; and influence the enactment
43 | of legislation of particular interest to African Americans and
44 | women, and

45 | WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Dr. Paulette C.
46 | Walker, Southern Regional Director Sandra K. Horton, and
47 | Southern Regional Representative Jessica Shotwell, members of
48 | the 53 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., who are
49 | currently serving Florida and the Bahamas will convene March 19-

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50 | 21, 2017, in Tallahassee to participate in the 23rd annual
51 | "Delta Days at the Capitol," and

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

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

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59 | That Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is commended for its
60 | remarkable contributions to the people of this state and that
61 | March 19-21, 2017, is recognized as the 23rd annual "Delta Days
62 | at the Capitol."