

Senate Resolution 138

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizing February 27, 2017, as Delta
2 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a public service organization founded on
4 January 13, 1913, by 22 visionary women at the prestigious Howard University in
5 Washington, D.C.; and

6 WHEREAS, the founding sisters included Osceola Macarthy Adams, Marguerite Young
7 Alexander, Winona Cargile Alexander, Ethel Cuff Black, Bertha Pitts Campbell, Zephyr
8 Chisom Carter, Edna Brown Coleman, Jessie McGuire Dent, Frederica Chase Dodd, Myra
9 Davis Hemmings, Olive Jones, Jimmie Bugg Middleton, Pauline Oberdorfer Minor, Vashti
10 Turley Murphy, Naomi Sewell Richardson, Mamie Reddy Rose, Eliza P. Shippen, Florence
11 Letcher Toms, Ethel Carr Watson, Wertie Blackwell Weaver, Madree Pen White, and Edith
12 Motte Young; and

13 WHEREAS, only weeks after its founding, the sorority's first public act of service was its
14 participation in the women's suffrage movement demanding rights for women, particularly
15 the right to vote; and

16 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a sisterhood of college-educated women
17 dedicated to academic excellence and committed to providing assistance; and

18 WHEREAS, more than 200,000 women have joined the organization to implement the
19 sorority's mission through its five-point program thrust of educational development,
20 economic development, political awareness and involvement, physical and mental health,
21 and international awareness and involvement; and

22 WHEREAS, the sorority has more than 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the
23 United States as well as internationally (Germany, England, Japan, the Virgin Islands,

24 Bermuda, Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea) and recently commemorated 104 years of
25 exemplary service; and

26 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has instituted the Georganna Sinkfield
27 Servant Leadership Award in recognition of her service as the longest serving female in the
28 history of the Georgia General Assembly and the Pota E.Coston Trailblazer Award named
29 for the first African American female commissioner elected in Fayette County, Georgia; and

30 WHEREAS, members of this illustrious sisterhood serve as elected officials, lend support
31 to various local communities, lead dialogues on public policy issues, support quality
32 education efforts, produce new projects to stimulate current and future economic growth, and
33 improve the lives of the people in their communities; and

34 WHEREAS, numerous individuals have contributed to the successful legacy of Delta Sigma
35 Theta Sorority, Inc.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 commend the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for its continued commitment to
38 public service and its collective contributions in helping to make the State of Georgia a better
39 place to live and work and recognize February 27, 2017, as Delta Day at the state capitol.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Delta Sigma Theta
42 Sorority, Inc.