

Senate Resolution 402

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 14, 2023, as the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma
2 Theta Sorority Inc. Charter Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. was
4 chartered on February 14, 1948; the seed of phenomenal growth was planted by six young,
5 vivacious women in 1945 whose ultimate goal was to establish a chapter in the Columbus,
6 Georgia, community. Finally, the long-anticipated day arrived when the Gamma Rho Sigma
7 Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. was chartered and six other women were initiated
8 into the sisterhood; and

9 WHEREAS, from this core of 12 dedicated and visionary women, the chapter has continued
10 to grow and break new ground. The charter members were the late Alma Haywood Bass,
11 Rosa E. Childs, Frances M. Culpepper, Ebbie Dorsey, Mrytle Grant, Lula Lunsford Odom,
12 Patricia Bivins, Etta Dogan, Lyda Haywood Hannan, Virginia Fair Harris, Helen McClung,
13 and Nellie Borders Poole; and

14 WHEREAS, the chapter's name was later changed to the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter,
15 which confirms this community's tradition of excellence and service. Its legacy is rich, and
16 the traditions of scholarship, service, and social action prevail; and

17 WHEREAS, the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is an
18 active and vital chapter of more than 350 college-educated women with a strong commitment
19 to public service. The influence of Delta women is felt throughout the political, educational,
20 and business world. They hold key leadership positions throughout the tri-city area; and

21 WHEREAS, the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
22 celebrated 75 years of sisterhood and service on Tuesday, February 14, 2023; and

23 WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 11, 2023, the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta
24 Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. commemorated the sorority's 110th Founders Day and celebrated
25 the chapter's Diamond Jubilee: 75 Years Strong-A Legacy of Service; and

26 WHEREAS, the chapter will welcome Dr. Paulette C. Walker, 25th National President of
27 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., as honored guest and keynote speaker for the celebration;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the City Council of Columbus, Georgia, has supported the collaborative efforts
30 of the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. over the past 75
31 years with its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of this community through the
32 implementation of their Five-Point Programmatic Thrust.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize February 14, 2023, as the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta
35 Sorority Inc. Charter Day.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Columbus
38 (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.