

Senate Resolution 758

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th, Williams of the 39th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 26, 2018, as Delta Day at the state capitol and commending Delta
2 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; 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 Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

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

12 WHEREAS, only weeks after its founding, the Sorority's first public act of service was
13 participation in the Women's Suffrage Movement demanding rights for women, particularly
14 the right to vote; and

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

17 WHEREAS, more than 200,000 women have joined the organization to implement the
18 Sorority's mission through its Five Point Programmatic Thrust of Educational Development,
19 Economic Development, Political Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health,
20 and International Awareness and Involvement; and

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

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

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

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 recognize February 26, 2018, as Delta Day at the state capitol.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Delta Sigma Theta
41 Sorority, Inc., and the above-named individuals.