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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 6, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
2 Inc., on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1913 at Howard University by 22
4 distinguished women, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is
5 the largest African-American women's organization in the United
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, The 22 founders immediately began fulfilling their
8 commitment to social and political action by joining the Women's
9 Suffrage March on Washington, DC, thereby exhibiting their
10 exceptional fortitude and an unwavering commitment to affect
11 change; and

12 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta's national programming is built on
13 a five-point programmatic thrust of economic development,
14 educational development, international awareness and
15 involvement, physical and mental health and political awareness

1 and involvement; and

2 WHEREAS, In the past 100 years, this organization's
3 prestigious reputation has resulted in significant growth in its
4 membership to include more than 900 chapters world wide and more
5 than 250,000 initiated members; and

6 WHEREAS, For 100 years, Delta Sigma Theta's considerable
7 contributions to the community have exemplified its theme, "A
8 Sisterhood Called to Serve: Transforming Lives, Impacting
9 Communities"; and

10 WHEREAS, Notable national programs operated by Delta Sigma
11 Theta include Delta Day at the United Nations, Delta Academy for
12 girls 11 to 14 years of age, Delta Gems, Empowering Males to
13 Build Opportunities for Developing Independence (EMBODI),
14 Financial Fortitude and Mary Help of the Sick Mission Hospital,
15 which is a maternity hospital in Kenya; and

16 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to ten alumnae and ten
17 collegiate chapters whose members remain at the forefront of
18 Statewide and local legislation through their annual
19 participation in Delta Day at the State Capitol; and

20 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta also spearheads social leadership
21 efforts, such as Statewide voter education and registration
22 initiatives; youth and community empowerment workshops; annual
23 college and career fairs; scholarship programs; the Adopt-A-
24 Highway program; support for women and children in treatment
25 facilities and food distributions; and

26 WHEREAS, The dynamic and influential members of Delta Sigma
27 Theta will unite in celebration of this momentous centennial
28 anniversary to pay tribute to those who overcame barriers and
29 prepare for the future pursuits of this sisterhood called to
30 serve; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
2 congratulate the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., on the
3 occasion of its 100th anniversary.