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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 18, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the members of the Delta Sigma Theta  
2 Sorority, Incorporated, for more than a century of commitment  
3 to social activism, academic excellence and civic engagement  
4 in this Commonwealth on the occasion of Delta Day at the  
5 State Capitol.

6 WHEREAS, The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,  
7 founded in 1913 by 22 diligent collegiate women on the campus of  
8 Howard University, has blossomed into the largest African-  
9 American women's organization in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the sorority has continued  
11 to be guided by its founding principles of academic excellence,  
12 economic and community development and social and political  
13 action as well as educational and professional advancement  
14 through service, leadership and empowerment; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the past 104 years, members of Delta Sigma  
16 Theta have led countless initiatives addressing crucial  
17 Statewide issues, including voter registration and education,  
18 equal educational opportunities for all children, financial

1 literacy and economic empowerment, academic and financial  
2 support for historically black colleges and universities and  
3 access to quality and affordable health care; and

4 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta boasts 21 Statewide chapters  
5 within this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Social Action Network, an umbrella  
7 organization linking the sorority's 25 Social Action Committees  
8 in this Commonwealth, continues to ensure that members are  
9 tangibly executing their commitment to build working  
10 relationships with elected officials and advancing critical  
11 legislation; and

12 WHEREAS, The members' 2017 legislative priorities of  
13 equitable education funding and equality in social justice  
14 exhibit the organization's return to the basics of its advocacy;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The women of Delta Sigma Theta continue to be  
17 magnificent examples of servant leaders with an uncompromising  
18 commitment to their community, which serves as the driving force  
19 to carry on the mission of Delta Day at the State Capitol;  
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
22 honor the members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
23 Incorporated, for more than a century of commitment to social  
24 activism, academic excellence and civic engagement in this  
25 Commonwealth on the occasion of Delta Day at the State Capitol.