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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 5, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating the members of the Delta Sigma
2 Theta Sorority, Incorporated's Pennsylvania Social Action
3 Network.

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

8 WHEREAS, The sorority has distinguished itself as an
9 organization grounded in public service through the
10 implementation of the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of Economic
11 Development, Educational Development, International Awareness
12 and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political
13 Awareness and Involvement; and

14 WHEREAS, Every chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has
15 established a Social Action Committee to execute the initiatives
16 of the Political Awareness and Involvement Programmatic Thrust;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Social Action Network, known as
3 PSAN, was formed as the umbrella organization to link the
4 Commonwealth's 25 alumnae and collegiate Social Action
5 Committees to facilitate greater communication and formulate a
6 collective voice; and

7 WHEREAS, PSAN is the first Delta organization to institute a
8 unified front representing the 1,500 Statewide members dedicated
9 to addressing the social and political issues impacting
10 Pennsylvania's most vulnerable residents; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2004, PSAN revived the annual Delta Day at the
12 State Capitol, a featured event when the women of Delta visit
13 Harrisburg to discuss pertinent legislation, policy and quality
14 of life concerns with members of the General Assembly on behalf
15 of their respective communities; and

16 WHEREAS, PSAN also takes advantage of this opportunity to
17 explore new ways to collaboratively address issues that impact
18 residents of Pennsylvania in an effort to effectively guide the
19 organization's direction for community service; and

20 WHEREAS, PSAN is also invested in serving the community at
21 the grassroots level, instituting more than a dozen programs
22 addressing issues related to voter education, engagement and
23 affordable health care, as well as access to high-quality
24 primary, secondary and collegiate education; and

25 WHEREAS, Members of PSAN have led multiple voter registration
26 drives and social action education forums, actively participated
27 in the Pennsylvania Voter ID Coalition and encouraged enrollment
28 in the various features of the Affordable Care Act through
29 collaborative awareness campaigns; and

30 WHEREAS, PSAN has also implemented effective letter writing

1 campaigns to Federal and State legislators on issues related to
2 monetary appropriations, economic development, housing,
3 education and voting rights; and

4 WHEREAS, The Deltas of PSAN continue to follow in the
5 footsteps of the organization's founders paving a trail of
6 proactive leadership, dedicated humanitarianism and an
7 unwavering commitment to enhance the lives of the citizens
8 residing throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor, recognize
10 and congratulate Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's
11 Pennsylvania Social Action Network and Social Action Committees
12 for their steadfast engagement in political awareness and
13 involvement.