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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a public
3 service organization founded on January 13, 1913 by 22 young
4 women with a vision on the campus of the prestigious Howard
5 University in Washington, D.C.; and

6 WHEREAS, Only weeks after its founding, Delta Sigma Theta
7 Sorority, Inc.'s first public act of service was participation
8 in the women's suffrage movement demanding rights for women,
9 particularly the right to vote; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 250,000 women have joined this
11 illustrious organization, with 1,000 collegiate and alumnae
12 chapters located in the United States and around the world,
13 including chapters in England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa),
14 Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, and
15 the Republic of Korea; and

16 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is composed of
17 college-educated women committed to a lifetime of implementing
18 the sorority's mission through its 5-point program thrust of
19 educational development, economic development, political
20 awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and
21 international awareness and involvement; and

1 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is celebrating
2 102 years of exemplary service and dedication toward impacting
3 communities, leading dialogues on national and global public
4 policy, supporting quality education and removing barriers,
5 stimulating current and future economic growth, and promoting
6 quality of life overall; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1989, the National Social Action Commission
8 instituted Delta Days in the nation's capital, an annual
9 legislative conference to increase member involvement in the
10 public policy-making process; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
11 became a Non-Governmental Organization at the United Nations in
12 2003; and

13 WHEREAS, Legislative briefings, issue forums, and advocacy
14 skills development and meeting with key policy makers, members
15 of the United States Congress staff members, and experts are
16 all part of the sorority's established platform; and

17 WHEREAS, Delta Days at the Illinois State Capitol occur on
18 an annual basis, with members from across the entire State of
19 Illinois, and, in 2015, will embrace the theme of "Advocacy in
20 Action - A Stronger Voice - A Stronger Presence"; therefore, be
21 it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend the efforts
2 of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for its continued
3 commitment to public service, recognize its collective
4 contributions in helping to make the State of Illinois a better
5 place to live, work, and play, and designate April 29, 2015 as
6 Delta Day at the Illinois State Capitol; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as a symbol of
9 our respect and esteem.