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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Waukegan Alumnae
4 Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on the occasion of
5 its 45th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, On November 3, 1979, the Waukegan Alumnae Chapter
7 became an official chartered chapter of Delta Sigma Theta
8 Sorority, Inc. through the efforts of 18 women, many with
9 young families, who worked tirelessly to form a chapter in
10 Lake County in the 1970s; and

11 WHEREAS, Upon becoming chartered, the members of the
12 Waukegan Alumnae Chapter immediately established its
13 organizational structure by electing officers, with the first
14 duly elected president being Freida Arrington, now Freida
15 Roberts, in addition to establishing committees, setting dues,
16 and more; and

17 WHEREAS, Further, the members of the Waukegan Alumnae
18 Chapter started fulfilling the critical functions of the
19 sorority, including public service and social action
20 initiatives, such as scholarships, voter
21 education/registration events, public forums, health fairs,
22 children's projects, and the Beautillion Militaire program and

1 the Rites of Passage event for young men; and

2 WHEREAS, The Waukegan Alumnae Chapter has continued its
3 work in the community through a number of endeavors, including
4 feeding the unhoused, conducting voter education/registration,
5 supporting women in transition, awarding college scholarships,
6 and implementing youth programs for boys and girls through
7 EMBODI, the Delta Academy, and Delta GEMS; and

8 WHEREAS, The Waukegan Alumnae Chapter has annually hosted
9 its signature event, The Red, Black and Green function, since
10 1994, through which members raise money for community outreach
11 and scholarship programs while simultaneously celebrating the
12 beautiful and vibrant culture of the African American
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, The Waukegan Alumnae Chapter has hosted two
15 statewide Founders Day weekends, bringing members of Delta
16 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. together from across the State of
17 Illinois to commemorate the sorority's founding on January 13,
18 1913; and

19 WHEREAS, The Waukegan Alumnae Chapter has also annually
20 joined sorority members from other chapters to engage with
21 elected officials on Delta Days at the State Capitol in
22 Springfield and Delta Days at the Nation's Capitol in

1 Washington, D.C.; and

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Waukegan Alumnae Chapter, who
3 wear crimson and cream, have served Lake County with
4 dedication, enthusiasm, and perseverance for 45 years and will
5 continue to do so; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate the Waukegan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma
9 Theta Sorority, Inc. on the occasion of its 45th anniversary,
10 and we thank its members for their service and dedication to
11 Lake County and the State; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Waukegan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta
14 Sorority, Inc. as an expression of our esteem and respect.