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HOUSE 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

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

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