

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY SENATOR PETERSON

SENATE. Commends Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and recognizes Thursday, March 23, 2018, as the thirty-fourth annual Red and White Day at the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for a century of outstanding public service  
3 and to recognize Thursday, March 23, 2018, as the thirty-fourth annual "Red and  
4 White" Day at the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, the membership of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., both past and  
6 present, provides assistance and support to local communities throughout the world through  
7 established public service programs; and

8 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913, by  
9 twenty-two female students attending Howard University who were eager to use their  
10 collective potential to promote academic excellence, to provide scholarship funding, to  
11 support those in need, to stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public  
12 policy, to highlight issues affecting minorities and women, and to find viable solutions to  
13 social problems; and

14 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. celebrates its collective strength with  
15 the wearing of "Red and White" attire to signify the energy of its numbers; and

16 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was incorporated in 1930 and is a  
17 private, nonprofit organization; and

18 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is the largest African-American Greek

1 letter sorority of its kind, a sisterhood of professional African-American college-educated  
2 women, comprised of over nine hundred chapters located in the United States, England,  
3 Japan, Germany, Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, and the Republic of  
4 South Korea; and

5 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. uses a Five-Point Program of  
6 Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and  
7 Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement to  
8 uplift, encourage, and engage the global community; and

9 WHEREAS, the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. stand on the shoulders  
10 of giants from the halls of the Legislature of Louisiana, such as Senator Diana E. Bajoie,  
11 Representative Renee Gill Pratt, Representative Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, Representative  
12 Rosalind Peychaud, Representative Jalila Jefferson Bullock, Senator Cheryl Gray Evans, and  
13 Senator Karen Carter Peterson who have left an indelible imprint on the history and legal  
14 system of the state; and

15 WHEREAS, the organizational structure and governance of Delta Sigma Theta  
16 Sorority, Inc. is invested in the Grand Chapter, which meets at a biennial national  
17 convention; regional conferences are held in the seven geographic regions during  
18 non-convention years; and

19 WHEREAS, the success of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority public service programs is  
20 dependant upon its commitment to community service and academic achievement as well  
21 as its quest for excellence in all endeavors.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
23 does hereby recognize Thursday, March 23, 2018, as "Red and White" Day for Delta Sigma  
24 Theta Sorority, Inc. and does hereby commend the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
25 Inc. for its exceptional achievements and outstanding contributions.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does  
27 hereby extend enduring appreciation to the organization and its members for the tremendous  
28 honor and pride that each brings to their local communities, the state of Louisiana, and the  
29 United States of America.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

1 Beverly E. Smith, National President and CEO, Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta  
2 Sorority, Inc. and to Pamela Rogers, Regional Director for the Southwest Region of Delta  
3 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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DIGEST

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Peterson

Commends Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for its public service and recognizes Thursday,  
March 23, 2018, as the 34th annual Red and White Day at the legislature.