

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY SENATOR PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is the largest African-American Greek letter sorority of its kind, a sisterhood of professional African-American college-educated women, comprised of over nine hundred chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, and the Republic of South Korea; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Beverly E. Smith, National President and CEO, Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and to Pamela Rogers, Regional Director for the Southwest Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE