

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 5, 2022, as the thirty-eighth annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the celebration of Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature began in 1985 and has grown from a Louisiana tradition to one observed by more than one thousand sorority and fraternity chapters throughout the country; a celebration is held annually at the nation's capital in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, Red and White Day is an activity of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, which was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University who were eager to use their collective strength 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 was incorporated in 1930 as a private nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African-American Greek letter sorority with more than nine hundred chapters in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea represented by a membership of more than two hundred thousand college-educated women; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, uses a five-point program of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to assist the global community; and

WHEREAS, represented in the ranks of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, are such notable women as former state senators Diana E. Bajoie, Cheryl Gray Evans, and Karen Carter Peterson, and former state representatives Renee Gill Pratt, Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, Rosalind Peychaud, and Jalila Jefferson Bullock, all of whom have left indelible imprints on this state's history; and

WHEREAS, on this Red and White Day the sorority honors and celebrates all of the African-American female legislators serving the public who make a major impact on their respective communities and the state by championing important issues; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, on one hundred nine years of service and for its outstanding achievements in the community, the state, and the world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, May 5, 2022, as Red and White Day at the Louisiana State Capitol; does hereby commend the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for their exceptional achievements and manifold contributions; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation to the organization and its members for the tremendous honor and pride that they bring to their local communities, the state, and the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Beverly E. Smith, National President and CEO from 2017-2021 and National First Vice President, Elsie Cooke-Holmes, Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and to Michelle Brown, Regional Director for the Southwest Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE