

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 5, 2022, as the thirty-eighth annual Red and White Day at the legislature

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Thursday, May 5, 2022, as the thirty-eighth annual Red and White Day at the
3 Legislature of Louisiana.

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

8 WHEREAS, Red and White Day is an activity of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
9 Incorporated, which was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two collegiate women at
10 Howard University who were eager to use their collective strength to promote academic
11 excellence; and

12 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Sorority, Incorporated, was organized to provide
13 scholarship funding, to support those in need, to stimulate participation in the establishment
14 of positive public policy, to highlight issues affecting minorities and women, and to find
15 viable solutions to social problems; and

16 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, was incorporated in 1930 as
17 a private, nonprofit organization; and

18 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African
19 American Greek letter sorority and has more than nine hundred chapters in the United States,
20 England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, and the
21 Republic of Korea; and

1 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Sorority, Incorporated, is composed of more than two
2 hundred thousand college-educated women; and

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

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

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

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

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Beverly E. Smith, national president and chief executive officer from 2017 to 2021, grand
27 chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Elsie Cooke-Holmes, national first vice
28 president, grand chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and Michelle Brown,
29 regional director for the southwest region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

DIGEST

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Recognizes May 5, 2022, as the 38th annual Red and White Day at the Legislature of Louisiana.