

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes Wednesday, May 10, 2023, as the thirty-ninth annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, May 10, 2023, as the thirty-ninth annual Red and White Day at  
3 the Louisiana State Capitol.

4 WHEREAS, the celebration of Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature  
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 capital in Washington, D.C.; and

8 WHEREAS, Red and White Day is a celebration of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
9 Incorporated, a private, not-for-profit organization founded on January 13, 1913, by  
10 twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University who were eager to use their collective  
11 strength to promote academic excellence; provide scholarship funding; support those in  
12 need; stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; highlight issues  
13 affecting minorities and women; and find viable solutions to social problems; and

14 WHEREAS, the members of the first organizing committee of Red and White Day  
15 of the Louisiana Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, referred to as the  
16 "trailblazers" included: Gloria Bryant Banks, New Orleans Alumnae Chapter; Hazel  
17 Freeman, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Maxine Cormier, Alexandria Alumnae  
18 Chapter; Corinne Taylor, Shreveport Alumnae Chapter; Juanita Bradford, Baton Rouge

1 Delta Alumnae Chapter; Ella Burchell, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Felicia LeDuff  
2 Hany, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Virtle T. Jones, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae  
3 Chapter; Jacqueline Keith, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Thelma Parham, Baton  
4 Rouge Delta Chapter; Velma J. Steward, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Ruth Bailey  
5 Wesley, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Ruth Crawford, Baton Rouge Sigma  
6 Alumnae Chapter; Jean G. Dyer, Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Mildred Marcelle,  
7 Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Corinne Maybuce, Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae  
8 Chapter; Audrey Nabors Jackson, Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Y. Jean Whitley,  
9 Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Theresa Alexander Earthly, Alexandria Alumnae  
10 Chapter; Aromenta Evans, New Orleans Alumnae Chapter; Hazel Moore, New Orleans  
11 Alumnae Chapter; Jessie Howard, Hammond Area Alumnae Chapter; Adele Minnard,  
12 Lafayette Alumnae Chapter; Phyllis Mouton, Lafayette Alumnae Chapter; and Jessie Taylor,  
13 Lafayette Alumnae Chapter; and

14 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is the largest  
15 African-American Greek letter sorority with more than one thousand chapters in the United  
16 States, Canada, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamacia, West  
17 Africa, Southern Africa, the United Arab Emirates, and the Republic of Korea represented  
18 by a membership of more than three hundred fifty thousand college-educated women; and

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

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

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

