

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 216

BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS AND MARCELLE

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 14, 2024, as Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 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 scholarships and support to those in need, to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and to highlight issues and find solutions to problems in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority exercises its collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to the community; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was incorporated in 1930 and is a private, nonprofit organization that provides assistance and support through established programs in local communities and throughout the world; and

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

WHEREAS, the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, stand on the shoulders of giants such as former state representatives Renee Gill Pratt, Rosalind Peychaud, Jalila Jefferson Bullock, and the late Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, and former state senators Diana E. Bajoie, Karen Carter Peterson, and Cheryl Gray Evans who have left an incredible imprint on this state's history; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, uses its Five-Point Program, Thrust of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement, to uplift, encourage, and develop the global community; and

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

WHEREAS, the success of the public service programs of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, has depended 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 House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, May 14, 2024, as Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated Day at the 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 pride and honor that they bring to their local communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES