

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88

BY SENATOR HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, May 14, 2024, as the 40th Annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, on January 13, 1913, twenty-two illustrious Black women founded Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., at Howard University, recognizing the need for Black women's active role in the struggles concerning African-Americans and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, for the past one hundred eleven years, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has upheld the vision of its founders, growing to over three hundred fifty thousand members in one thousand collegiate and alumnae chapters across the United States and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is dedicated to the five-point thrust of educational development, economic development, physical and mental health, political awareness and involvement, and international awareness and involvement; and

WHEREAS, Red and White Day, celebrated annually at the Louisiana State Capitol since 1985, commemorates the contributions and achievements of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the members of the first organizing committee of Red and White Day of the Louisiana Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, known as the "trailblazers", have paved the way for generations of women leaders in the community and the state; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, represented by notable members in politics such as former state senators and representatives, continues to make significant contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, the sorority's national theme of "Forward with Fortitude: Engaging Our Sisterhood, Empowering Our Communities, Elevating our Impact" reflects its ongoing commitment to service and advocacy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 14, 2024, as the 40th Annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana State Capitol, celebrating the one hundred eleven years of service and outstanding achievements of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Rochelle Gilbert-Abram, Louisiana State Coordinator of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE