

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, May 19, 2015, as the thirty-first annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for its outstanding achievements and generous community service for one hundred two years and to recognize Tuesday, May 19, 2015, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Social Action Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, would like to acknowledge the vision of Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature that began in 1985 and has resulted in Red and White Day growing from a Louisiana tradition, to one observed by many of the sorority's thousands of chapters throughout the country and held annually at the nation's capital in Washington D.C.; and

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, Senator Karen Carter Peterson, and former state senators Diana E. Bajoie 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 recognize Tuesday, May 19, 2015, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's thirty-first annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature; 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and to the regional director for the Southwest Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES