

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes Wednesday, April 6, 2016, as the 32nd Annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, April 6, 2016, as the thirty-second Annual Red and White Day
3 at the Louisiana Legislature.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
5 on one hundred three years of service and outstanding achievements in the community, the
6 state, and the world; and

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Social Action Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
8 Incorporated would like to acknowledge the vision of Red and White Day at the Louisiana
9 Legislature that began in 1985 has resulted in Red and White Day growing from a Louisiana
10 tradition to one observed by many of the sororities, more than one thousand chapters
11 throughout the country, and held annually at the Nation's Capital in Washington, D.C.; and

12 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on January 13, 1913, by
13 twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University who were eager to use their collective
14 strength to promote academic excellence; and

15 WHEREAS, they organized to provide scholarships and support to those in need, to
16 educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy, to
17 highlight issues, and find solutions to problems in their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority celebrates its centennial anniversary of

1 exercising its collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance
2 to the community; and

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

6 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is the largest African-American Greek letter
7 sorority, a sisterhood of more than two hundred thousand predominately African-American
8 college educated women; and

9 WHEREAS, it is comprised of over nine hundred chapters located in the United
10 States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Haiti,
11 the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, the success of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's public service programs
26 have depended upon their commitment to community service and academic achievement as
27 well as their quest for excellence in all endeavors in their lives.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
29 does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 6, 2016, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
30 Incorporated's Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature, does hereby commend the

