

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Wednesday, April 6, 2016, as the thirty-second 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 at  
3 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 and fraternities, more than one thousand  
11 chapters throughout the country, and held annually at the Nation's Capital in Washington,  
12 D.C.; and

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

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

1           WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority celebrates one hundred and three years of  
2 exercising its collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance  
3 to the community; and

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

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

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

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

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

22          WHEREAS, on this Red and White Day, the sorority honors and celebrates eight of  
23 its members who are making major impact on the state in true Delta fashion and have proven  
24 themselves as notable leaders in Louisiana government; these ladies are: Deputy  
25 Undersecretary Kim Hunter-Reed, Senator Karen Carter Peterson, Secretary Kimberly  
26 Robinson, Assistant Secretary Mandi Mitchell, Deputy Undersecretary Etta Harris, First  
27 Assistant Secretary Yolanda Dixon, Special Counsel Erin Monroe Wesley, and Maxine  
28 Cormier; and

1           WHEREAS, the sorority will be joined by Governor Edwards who will serve as the  
2 keynote Red and White Day speaker and will assist the members in congratulating these  
3 eight outstanding women.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 6, 2016, as Delta Sigma  
6 Theta Sorority, Incorporated's Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature, does hereby  
7 commend the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for their exceptional  
8 achievements and manyfold contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation to  
9 the organization and its members for the tremendous honor and pride that they bring to their  
10 local communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

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

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DIGEST

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