

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes Thursday, May 5, 2022, as the thirty-eighth annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 5, 2022, as the thirty-eighth annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the celebration of Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature began in 1985 and has grown from a Louisiana tradition to one observed by more than one thousand sorority and fraternity chapters throughout the country; a celebration is held annually at the nation's capital in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Red and White Day is an activity of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, which 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 scholarship funding, to support those in need, to stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy, to highlight issues affecting minorities and women, and to find viable solutions to social problems; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was incorporated in 1930 as a private nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African American Greek letter sorority with more than nine hundred chapters in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, and the

1 Republic of Korea represented by a membership of more than two hundred thousand
2 college-educated women; and

3 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated uses a five-point program of
4 economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement,
5 physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to assist the global
6 community; and

7 WHEREAS, represented in the ranks of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
8 are such notable women as former state senators Diana E. Bajoie, Cheryl Gray Evans, and
9 Karen Carter Peterson, and former state representatives Renee Gill Pratt, Pinkie Carolyn
10 Wilkerson, Rosalind Peychaud, and Jalila Jefferson Bullock, all of whom have left indelible
11 imprints on this state's history; and

12 WHEREAS, on this Red and White Day the sorority honors and celebrates all of the
13 African American female legislators serving the public who make a major impact on their
14 respective communities and the state by championing important issues; and

15 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
16 on one hundred nine years of service and for its outstanding achievements in the community,
17 the state, and the world.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 does hereby recognize Thursday, May 5, 2022, as Red and White Day at the Louisiana State
20 Capitol; does hereby commend the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for
21 their exceptional achievements and manifold contributions; and does hereby extend enduring
22 appreciation to the organization and its members for the tremendous honor and pride that
23 they bring to their local communities, the state, and the nation.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 Beverly E. Smith, National President and CEO from 2017-2021 and National First Vice
26 President, Elsie Cooke-Holmes, Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and to
27 Michelle Brown, Regional Director for the Southwest Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
28 Incorporated.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Celeste D. Ellis.

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