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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 10, 2023, as the thirty-ninth annual Red and White Day at the state capitol

A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, May 10, 2023, as the thirty-ninth annual Red and White Day at 3 the Louisiana state capitol. 4 WHEREAS, the celebration of Red and White Day at the Legislature of Louisiana 5 began in 1985 and has grown from a Louisiana tradition to one observed by more than one 6 thousand sorority and fraternity chapters throughout the country; a celebration is held 7 annually at the nation's capital in Washington, D.C.; and 8 WHEREAS, Red and White Day is a celebration of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, 9 Incorporated, a private, nonprofit organization founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two 10 collegiate women at Howard University who were eager to use their collective strength to 11 promote academic excellence, provide scholarship funding, support those in need, stimulate 12 participation in the establishment of positive public policy, highlight issues affecting 13 minorities and women, and find viable solutions to social problems; and 14 WHEREAS, the members of the first organizing committee of Red and White Day 15 of the Louisiana Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, referred to as the 16 "trailblazers" included Gloria Bryant Banks, New Orleans Alumnae Chapter; Hazel 17 Freeman, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Maxine Cormier, Alexandria Alumnae 18 Chapter; Corinne Taylor, Shreveport Alumnae Chapter; Juanita Bradford, Baton Rouge 19 Delta Alumnae Chapter; Ella Burchell, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Felicia LeDuff 20 Hany, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Vertle T. Jones, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae 21 Chapter; Jacqueline Keith, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Thelma Parham,

1	Baton Rouge Delta Chapter; Velma J. Steward, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Ruth
2	Bailey Wesley, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Ruth Crawford, Baton Rouge Sigma
3	Alumnae Chapter; Jean G. Dyer, Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Mildred Marcelle,
4	Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Corinne Maybuce, Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae
5	Chapter; Audrey Nabors Jackson, Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Y. Jean Whitley,
6	Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Theresa Alexander Earthly, Alexandria Alumnae
7	Chapter; Aromenta Evans, New Orleans Alumnae Chapter; Hazel Moore, New Orleans
8	Alumnae Chapter; Jessie Howard, Hammond Area Alumnae Chapter; Adele Minnard,
9	Lafayette Alumnae Chapter; Phyllis Mouton, Lafayette Alumnae Chapter; and Jessie Taylor,
10	Lafayette Alumnae Chapter; and
11	WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African
12	American Greek letter sorority with more than one thousand chapters in the United States,
13	Canada, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, West Africa,
14	Southern Africa, the United Arab Emirates, and the Republic of Korea represented by a
15	membership of more than three hundred fifty thousand college-educated women; and
16	WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated uses a five-point program of
17	economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement,
18	physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to assist the global
19	community; and
20	WHEREAS, represented in the ranks of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
21	are such notable women as former state senators Diana E. Bajoie, Cheryl Gray Evans,
22	Sharon Weston Broome, and Karen Carter Peterson, and former state representatives Renee
23	Gill Pratt, Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, Rosalind Peychaud, and Jalila Jefferson Bullock and
24	Representative C. Denise Marcelle, all of whom have left indelible imprints on this state's
25	history; and
26	WHEREAS, on this Red and White Day, the sorority honors and celebrates all of the
27	African American female legislators serving the public who make a major impact on their
28	respective communities and the state by championing important issues; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 10, 2023, as the
thirty-ninth annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana state capitol; does hereby commend

the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for their exceptional achievements

8 and manifold contributions; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation to the

organization and its members for the tremendous honor and pride that they bring to their

10 local communities, the state, and the nation.

DIGEST

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