

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY SENATOR PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for one hundred years of public service and recognize Wednesday, April 17, 2013, as the twenty-ninth annual "Red and White" Day.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for its outstanding achievements and generous community service for one hundred years and to recognize Wednesday, April 17, 2013, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's "Red and White" Day; 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 celebrates its centennial anniversary of exercising 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 over nine hundred chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), 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 Senator Diana E. Bajoie, Representative Renee Gill Pratt, Representative Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, Representative Rosalind Peychaud, Representative Jalila Jefferson Bullock, Senator Cheryl Gray Evans, and Senator Karen Carter Peterson 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 national convention biennially, and regional conferences are held in the seven geographic regions of the organization during non-convention years; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 17, 2013, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's "Red and White" Day, 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 honor and pride that they bring to their local communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a 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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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE