

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVES BARROW AND HUNTER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Thursday, March 13, 2014, as the 30th annual Red and White Day at the La. Legislature

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Thursday, March 13, 2014, as the thirtieth annual Red and White Day at the
3 Louisiana Legislature.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
5 for its outstanding achievements and generous community service for one hundred one years
6 and to recognize Thursday, March 13, 2014, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's
7 Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature; and

8 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Social Action Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
9 Incorporated, would like to acknowledge the vision of Red and White Day at the Louisiana
10 Legislature that began in 1985 and has resulted in Red and White Day growing from a
11 Louisiana tradition, to one observed by many of the sorority's thousands of chapters
12 throughout the country and held annually at the Nation's Capital in Washington 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, to provide scholarships and support to those in
16 need, to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy,
17 and to highlight issues and find solutions to problems in their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority celebrates its centennial anniversary of
19 exercising its collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance
20 to the community; and

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

1 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African-
2 American Greek letter sorority, a sisterhood of more than two hundred thousand
3 predominantly African-American college educated women, comprised of more than nine
4 hundred chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands,
5 Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

6 WHEREAS, the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, stand on the
7 shoulders of giants such as former state representatives Renee Gill Pratt, Rosalind Peychaud,
8 Jalila Jefferson Bullock, and the late Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, Senator Karen Carter
9 Peterson, and former state senators Diana E. Bajoie and Cheryl Gray Evans who have left
10 an incredible imprint on this state's history; and

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

15 WHEREAS, the organizational structure and governance of Delta Sigma Theta
16 Sorority, Incorporated, is invested in the Grand Chapter, which meets at a biennial national
17 convention, and regional conferences are held in the seven geographic regions of the
18 organization during nonconvention years; and

19 WHEREAS, the success of the public service programs of Delta Sigma Theta
20 Sorority, Incorporated, has depended upon its commitment to community service and
21 academic achievement as well as its quest for excellence in all endeavors.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, March 13, 2014, as Delta Sigma
24 Theta Sorority, Incorporated's thirtieth annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana
25 Legislature does hereby commend the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
26 for their exceptional achievements and manifold contributions, and does hereby extend
27 enduring appreciation to the organization and its members for the tremendous honor and
28 pride that they bring to their local communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States
29 of America.

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

DIGEST

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Recognizes Thursday, March 13, 2014, as the 30th annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature, and commends the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.