

## House Resolution 187

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Metze of the 55<sup>th</sup>, and Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 27, 2017, as Delta Day at the state capitol and commending Delta  
2 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a public service organization founded on  
4 January 13, 1913, by 22 visionary women at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

5 WHEREAS, the founding sisters included Osceola Macarthy Adams, Marguerite Young  
6 Alexander, Winona Cargile Alexander, Ethel Cuff Black, Bertha Pitts Campbell, Zephyr  
7 Chisom Carter, Edna Brown Coleman, Jessie McGuire Dent, Frederica Chase Dodd, Myra  
8 Davis Hemmings, Olive Jones, Jimmie Bugg Middleton, Pauline Oberdorfer Minor, Vashti  
9 Turley Murphy, Naomi Sewell Richardson, Mamie Reddy Rose, Eliza P. Shippen, Florence  
10 Letcher Toms, Ethel Carr Watson, Wertie Blackwell Weaver, Madree Pen White, and Edith  
11 Motte Young; and

12 WHEREAS, only weeks after its founding, the Sorority's first public act of service was  
13 participation in the Women's Suffrage Movement demanding rights for women, particularly  
14 the right to vote; and

15 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a sisterhood of college-educated women  
16 dedicated to academic excellence and committed to providing assistance; and

17 WHEREAS, more than 200,000 women have joined the organization to implement the  
18 Sorority's mission through its Five Point Programmatic Thrust of Educational Development,  
19 Economic Development, Political Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health,  
20 and International Awareness and Involvement; and

21 WHEREAS, the Sorority has more than 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the  
22 United States as well as internationally (Germany, England, Japan, the Virgin Islands,

23 Bermuda, Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea) and recently commemorated 104 years of  
24 exemplary service; and

25 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has instituted the Georganna Sinkfield  
26 Servant Leadership Award in recognition of her service as the longest serving female in the  
27 history of the Georgia General Assembly and the Pota E. Coston Trailblazer Award named  
28 for the first African-American Female Commissioner elected in Fayette County, Georgia;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, members of this illustrious sisterhood serve as elected officials, lend support  
31 to various local communities, lead dialogues on public policy issues, support quality  
32 education efforts, produce new projects to stimulate current and future economic growth, and  
33 improving the lives of the people in their communities; and

34 WHEREAS, numerous individuals have contributed to the successful legacy of Delta Sigma  
35 Theta Sorority.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body commend the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for its  
38 continued commitment to public service and recognize February 27, 2017, as Delta Day at  
39 the state capitol.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Delta  
42 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the above-named individuals.