

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, on the grand occasion of its Founders Day Celebration Gala; and

**WHEREAS**, The Dallas Alumnae Chapter is commemorating its 85th anniversary and the 96th year the international sorority has promoted human welfare through its many services and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The gala is being held at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters on January 31, 2009, and will feature recognition of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter's 50-year honorees, Dr. Velma Smith and Lynetta Haynes-Oliver, and this year's 25-year honoree, Carolyn Hickman; and

**WHEREAS**, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded by 22 undergraduate women at Howard University on January 13, 1913, to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to persons in need; the private, nonprofit organization now has some 200,000 members in more than 900 chapters around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, The Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, founded in 1924, has a rich legacy of sisterhood, scholarship, and service; it is well known for its outstanding work with young women, encouraging them to pursue higher education, develop good communications skills, and serve their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, From providing services for the poor and elderly to collaborating with other organizations to promote personal well-being, affordable housing, and economic development, the

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Dallas Alumnae Chapter has truly made a positive impact in the community; it was recognized as the 2008 Women's Council of Dallas Organization of the Year; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for their many worthy endeavors and extend to them best wishes for an outstanding Founders Day Celebration Gala; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 28, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate