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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Collegiate and alumnae members of the Delta Sigma  
2 Theta Sorority are gathering in Austin on April 8, 2013, to mark Red  
3 and White Day, a day of advocacy and action, at the State Capitol;  
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5           WHEREAS, The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was initiated in 1913  
6 at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; the 22 original members  
7 included four young women from Texas, Zephyr Chisom Carter, Jessie  
8 McGuire Dent, Frederica Chase Dodd, and Myra Davis Hemmings, all  
9 committed to academic excellence and social change; members marched  
10 in a women's suffrage parade soon after, and they incorporated as a  
11 national organization in 1930; and

12           WHEREAS, Today, the sorority has a membership of more than  
13 250,000 women in the United States and several foreign countries,  
14 organized into about 1,000 chapters, including over 250 in the Lone  
15 Star State; members work toward positive change in their  
16 communities and advocate for economic development, international  
17 awareness, physical and mental health, and improved education;  
18 moreover, they mentor at-risk African American girls, conduct voter  
19 awareness drives, host political forums, and help guide and inform  
20 public policy; and

21           WHEREAS, The women of Delta Sigma Theta have enriched the  
22 State of Texas and the nation with their generosity and their wide  
23 array of programs and services, and it is indeed a pleasure to  
24 commend them for their noteworthy endeavors; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby recognize April 8, 2013, as Red and White Day at  
3 the State Capitol and extend to all those involved with the Delta  
4 Sigma Theta Sorority sincere best wishes for continued success with  
5 their important work; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for the sorority as an expression of high regard by the  
8 Texas House of Representatives.