

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 268**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, an international public service organization, was founded on January 13, 1913, at Howard University by 22 college-educated African American women, four of whom were native Texans: Zephyr Chisom Carter, Jessie McGuire Dent, Frederica Chase Dodd, and Myra Davis Hemmings; and

**WHEREAS**, The sorority's chapters across Texas support volunteerism and charitable activities that are mandated by the organization's five-point program; the program promotes economic and educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority chapters have given back to their communities in a variety of ways, with an emphasis on empowering and guiding at-risk African American adolescent girls; chapters also participate in the political process by hosting candidate forums and working to increase the involvement of their members in every level of government; and

**WHEREAS**, Dallas has been selected as one of 22 cities across the nation to serve as a host for the passing of the National Torch, which commemorates 100 years of service and outstanding leadership by the sorority's members; it is truly fitting that this exceptional organization be recognized for its exemplary achievements; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, on its invaluable public service and extend to its members best wishes for a memorable 100th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the sorority 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 February 25, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate