

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 May 15, 2019, 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, Since its founding, more than 200,000 women have  
13 joined Delta Sigma Theta in the United States and several foreign  
14 countries; the sorority encompasses approximately 1,000 chapters,  
15 with many in the Lone Star State; participants work toward positive  
16 change in their communities and advocate for economic development,  
17 international awareness, physical and mental health, and improved  
18 education; moreover, they mentor at-risk young women, conduct voter  
19 awareness drives, host political forums, and help guide and inform  
20 public policy; and

21 WHEREAS, Many members of the sorority have gone on to have  
22 distinguished careers in public service, including Texas State  
23 Representatives Rhetta Andrews Bowers and Toni Rose, as well as the  
24 late state representative Ruth Jones McClendon and the late

1 congresswoman Barbara Jordan; and

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

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize May 15, 2019, as Red and White Day at  
8 the State Capitol and extend to all those involved with the Delta  
9 Sigma Theta Sorority sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the sorority as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.

Rose  
Bowers

Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Noble
Allen	Guillen	Oliverson
Allison	Gutierrez	Ortega
Anchia	Harless	Pacheco
Anderson	Harris	Paddie
Ashby	Hefner	Parker
Bailes	Hernandez	Patterson
Beckley	Herrero	Paul
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Perez
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Phelan
Bernal	Howard	Price
Biedermann	Huberty	Ramos
Blanco	Hunter	Raney
Bohac	Israel	Raymond
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Reynolds
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Romero, Jr.
Bucy	Kacal	Rose
Burns	King of Hemphill	Rosenthal
Burrows	King of Parker	Sanford
Button	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Cain	Klick	Shaheen
Calanni	Krause	Sheffield
Canales	Kuempel	Sherman, Sr.
Capriglione	Lambert	Shine
Clardy	Landgraf	Smith
Cole	Lang	Smithee
Coleman	Larson	Springer
Collier	Leach	Stephenson
Cortez	Leman	Stickland
Craddick	Longoria	Stucky
Cyrrier	Lopez	Swanson
Darby	Lozano	Talarico
Davis of Dallas	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Harris	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dean	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Deshotel	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Dominguez	Meyer	Toth
Dutton	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Farrar	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Fierro	Miller	VanDeaver
Flynn	Minjarez	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morales	White
Geren	Morrison	Wilson
Gervin-Hawkins	Muñoz, Jr.	Wray
Goldman	Murphy	Wu
González of Dallas	Murr	Zedler
González of El Paso	Neave	Zerwas
Goodwin	Nevárez	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1633 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House