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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 May 15, 2019, to mark Red  
3 and White Day, a day of advocacy and action, at the State Capitol;  
4 and

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.