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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, January 13, 2021, marks the 108th anniversary of the
2 founding of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and this occasion
3 provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on the organization's
4 rich history and many notable achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta traces its origins to 1913, when
6 22 charter members established the sorority at Howard University in
7 Washington, D.C., as a means of promoting academic excellence and
8 community service; that same year, the group took its first public
9 action, participating in a march for women's suffrage in the
10 nation's capital; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents of the Lone Star State have played a
12 prominent role in Delta Sigma Theta since the beginning; among the
13 sorority's founders were four women from Texas: Zephyr Chisom
14 Carter of El Paso, Jessie McGuire Dent of Galveston, Frederica
15 Chase Dodd of Dallas, and Myra Davis Hemmings of Gonzales; through
16 the years, a multitude of other Texans have joined the group's
17 membership, including such important figures as Texas State Senator
18 and U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan and Texas State
19 Representative Ruth Jones McClendon; and

20 WHEREAS, Today, Delta Sigma Theta's strong presence in Texas
21 extends to 46 alumnae and 28 collegiate chapters; these groups
22 promote the sorority's "Five-Point Programmatic Thrust" by working
23 to further economic development, international awareness,
24 political involvement, physical and mental health, and educational

1 development; that same mission inspires Delta Sigma Theta sorors
2 around the globe, with more than 250,000 people holding membership
3 in the United States, Canada, and numerous other nations and
4 territories; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the members of Delta Sigma
6 Theta have worked to improve the lives of their fellow citizens, and
7 they are indeed deserving of recognition for their invaluable
8 contributions; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize January 13, 2021, as Delta Sigma Theta
11 Sorority, Inc., Day in Texas and extend to the organization's
12 members sincere best wishes as they celebrate the group's 108th
13 anniversary; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Delta Sigma Theta as an expression of high regard by
16 the Texas House of Representatives.