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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was founded in 1913 by
twenty-two (22) women at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., established
the sorority in order to address issues such as public service, women's
advancement, and social activism; and

WHEREAS, today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is one of four (4)
college sororities for African American women, and is the largest African
American Greek-letter sorority in the world; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has had
more than three hundred fifty thousand (350,000) women members of all racial
and ethnic backgrounds; and



WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., currently has over one thousand (1,000) collegiate and alumnae chapters located across the world; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s community service and social and philanthropic projects revolve around the "Five-Point Programmatic Thrust" which encompasses economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 1913, the newly founded Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., performed its first public act of service by marching in cap and gown in the Woman Suffrage Procession down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., despite opposition by some to the presence of African American women in the parade; and

WHEREAS, the 1913 Woman Suffrage Procession became one of the pivotal events helping to solidify the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution seven (7) years later, which gave women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 3, 2013, several thousand members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., commemorated the one hundredth anniversary of the 1913 Woman Suffrage Procession and the role the organization's founders played by recreating the original five-thousand-person march down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives honor Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for its role in the Woman Suffrage Procession and the centennial celebration march, and its advocacy for the advancement of women.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be

provided to the leaders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.