

2020 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY SENATOR PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, on its annual Red and White Day.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, April 1, 2020, as the thirty-sixth annual Red and White Day at the  
3 Louisiana Legislature.

4 WHEREAS, the celebration of Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature  
5 began in 1985 and has grown from a Louisiana tradition to one observed by more than one  
6 thousand sorority and fraternity chapters throughout the country; a celebration is held  
7 annually at the nation's capital in Washington, D.C.; and

8 WHEREAS, Red and White Day is an activity of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
9 Incorporated, which was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two collegiate women at  
10 Howard University who were eager to use their collective strength to promote academic  
11 excellence, to provide scholarship funding, to support those in need, to stimulate  
12 participation in the establishment of positive public policy, to highlight issues affecting  
13 minorities and women, and to find viable solutions to social problems; and

14 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was incorporated in 1930 as a private,  
15 nonprofit organization; and

16 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest  
17 African-American Greek letter sorority with more than nine hundred chapters in the United  
18 States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, and the

1 Republic of Korea represented by a membership of more than two hundred thousand  
2 college-educated women; and

3 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, uses a five-point program  
4 of economic development, educational development, international awareness and  
5 involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to assist  
6 the global community; and

7 WHEREAS, represented in the ranks of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,  
8 are such notable women as former state senators Diana E. Bajoie and Cheryl Gray Evans,  
9 former state representatives Renee Gill Pratt, Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, Rosalind Peychaud,  
10 and Jalila Jefferson Bullock, and Senator Karen Carter Peterson, all of whom have left  
11 indelible imprints on this state's history; and

12 WHEREAS, on this Red and White Day, the sorority honors and celebrates all of the  
13 African-American female legislators serving the public and who make a major impact on  
14 their respective communities and the state by championing important issues; and

15 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,  
16 on one hundred seven years of service and for its outstanding achievements in the  
17 community, the state, and the world.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
19 does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 1, 2020, as Red and White Day at the Louisiana  
20 Legislature, does hereby commend the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,  
21 for their exceptional achievements and manifold contributions, and does hereby extend  
22 enduring appreciation to the organization and its members for the tremendous honor and  
23 pride that they bring to their local communities, the state, and the nation.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
25 Beverly E. Smith, National President and CEO, Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta  
26 Sorority, Inc., and to Michelle Brown, Regional Director for the Southwest Region of Delta  
27 Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

