

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVES JAMES, BAGNERIS, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BRASS, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, COX, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GLOVER, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, HUNTER, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JORDAN, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, DUSTIN MILLER, NORTON, PIERRE, AND SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, March 22, 2018, as the thirty-fourth annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

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

WHEREAS, Red and White Day is an activity of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, which was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University who were eager to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, was organized to provide scholarships and support to those in need, to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy, to highlight issues, and to find solutions to problems in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was incorporated in 1930 as a private, nonprofit organization to provide assistance through established programs in local communities and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African American Greek letter sorority and is composed of more than two hundred thousand predominately African American college-educated women; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, has more than nine hundred chapters in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Deborah Elam, the first African American female corporate officer for General Electric and a dedicated member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, will serve as the keynote Red and White Day speaker; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, March 22, 2018, as Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature; does hereby commend the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for their exceptional achievements and manifold contributions; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation to the organization and its members for the tremendous honor and pride that they bring to their local communities, the state, and the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the grand chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and to the regional director for the southwest region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES