

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 1, 2020, as the thirty-sixth annual Red
and White Day at the legislature

1 A RESOLUTION

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

4 WHEREAS, the celebration of Red and White Day at the Legislature of Louisiana
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 capitol; 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; and

12 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, was organized to provide
13 scholarship funding, to support those in need, to stimulate participation in the establishment
14 of positive public policy, to highlight issues affecting minorities and women, and to find
15 viable solutions to social problems; and

16 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, was incorporated in 1930 as
17 a private, nonprofit organization; and

18 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African
19 American Greek letter sorority and has more than nine hundred chapters in the United States,

1 England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, and the
2 Republic of Korea; and

3 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is composed of more than
4 two hundred thousand college-educated women; and

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

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

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

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

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

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
27 Beverly E. Smith, national president and chief executive officer, grand chapter of Delta
28 Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and to Michelle Brown, regional director for the
29 southwest region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

DIGEST

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Recognizes April 1, 2020, as the 36th annual Red and White Day at the legislature.