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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Wednesday, April 24, 2019, as the thirty-fifth annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature

A RESOLUTION

2	To recognize Wednesday, April 24, 2019, as the thirty-fifth annual Red and White Day at
3	the 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; and
12	WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, was organized to provide
13	scholarships and to support those in need, to stimulate participation in the establishment of
14	positive public policy, to highlight issues affecting minorities and women, and to find
15	solutions to social problems; and
16	WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was incorporated in 1930 as a private,
17	nonprofit organization; and
18	WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African
19	American Greek letter sorority and is composed of more than two hundred thousand college-
20	educated women; and

1 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, has more than nine hundred 2 chapters in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Haiti, 3 the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and 4 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, uses a five-point program of economic development, educational development, international awareness and 5 6 involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to assist 7 the global community; and 8 WHEREAS, represented in the ranks of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, 9 are such notable women as former state senators Diane E. Bajoie and Cheryl Gray Evans, 10 former state representatives Renee Gill Pratt, Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, Rosalind Peychaud, 11 and Jalila Jefferson Bullock, and Senator Karen Carter Peterson, all of whom have left 12 indelible imprints on this state's history; and 13 WHEREAS, on this Red and White Day, the sorority honors and celebrates all of the 14 African American female legislators serving the public, who make a major impact on their 15 respective communities and the state by championing important issues; and 16 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, 17 on one hundred six years of service and for its outstanding achievements in the community, 18 the state, and the world. 19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 24, 2019, as Red and 21 White Day at the Louisiana Legislature; does hereby commend the women of Delta Sigma 22 Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for their exceptional achievements and manifold contributions; 23 and does hereby extend enduring appreciation to the organization and its members for the 24 tremendous honor and pride that they bring to their local communities, the state, and the 25 nation. 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted 27 to 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, Incoporated.

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Recognizes April 24, 2019, as the 35th annual Red and White Day at the legislature.