

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Thursday, April 29, 2021, as the thirty-seventh annual Red and White Day at the legislature

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Thursday, April 29, 2021, as the thirty-seventh annual Red and White Day at
3 the legislature.

4 WHEREAS, the celebration of Red and White Day at the Legislature of Louisiana
5 began in 1985 and has grown as a Louisiana tradition to become one observed by more than
6 one 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, 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, Incorporated, was incorporated in 1930 as
15 a private, nonprofit organization; and

16 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African
17 American Greek letter sorority, with more than nine hundred chapters in the United States,
18 England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, and the
19 Republic of Korea, and represented by a membership of more than two hundred thousand
20 college-educated women; and

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

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

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

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

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, April 29, 2021, as Red and White
18 Day at the legislature; does hereby commend the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
19 Incorporated, for their exceptional achievements and manifold contributions; and does
20 hereby extend enduring appreciation to the organization and its members for the tremendous
21 honor and pride that they bring to their local communities, the state, and the nation.

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

DIGEST

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Recognizes April 29, 2021, as the 37th annual Red and White Day at the legislature.