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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes Wednesday, May 10, 2023, as the thirtyninth annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To recognize Wednesday, May 10, 2023, as the thirty-ninth annual Red and White Day at
3	the Louisiana State Capitol.
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 a celebration of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
9	Incorporated, a private, not-for-profit organization founded on January 13, 1913, by
10	twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University who were eager to use their collective
11	strength to promote academic excellence; provide scholarship funding; support those in
12	need; stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; highlight issues
13	affecting minorities and women; and find viable solutions to social problems; and
14	WHEREAS, the members of the first organizing committee of Red and White Day
15	of the Louisiana Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, referred to as the
16	"trailblazers" included: Gloria Bryant Banks, New Orleans Alumnae Chapter; Hazel
17	Freeman, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Maxine Cormier, Alexandria Alumnae
18	Chapter; Corinne Taylor, Shreveport Alumnae Chapter; Juanita Bradford, Baton Rouge

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1 Delta Alumnae Chapter; Ella Burchell, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Felicia LeDuff 2 Hany, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Virtle T. Jones, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae 3 Chapter; Jacqueline Keith, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Thelma Parham, Baton 4 Rouge Delta Chapter; Velma J. Steward, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Ruth Bailey 5 Wesley, Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter; Ruth Crawford, Baton Rouge Sigma 6 Alumnae Chapter; Jean G. Dyer, Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Mildred Marcelle, 7 Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Corinne Maybuce, Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae 8 Chapter; Audrey Nabors Jackson, Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Y. Jean Whitley, 9 Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter; Theresa Alexander Earthly, Alexandria Alumnae 10 Chapter; Aromenta Evans, New Orleans Alumnae Chapter; Hazel Moore, New Orleans 11 Alumnae Chapter; Jessie Howard, Hammond Area Alumnae Chapter; Adele Minnard, 12 Lafayette Alumnae Chapter; Phyllis Mouton, Lafayette Alumnae Chapter; and Jessie Taylor, 13 Lafayette Alumnae Chapter; and

14 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is the largest 15 African-American Greek letter sorority with more than one thousand chapters in the United 16 States, Canada, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamacia, West Africa, Southern Africa, the United Arab Emirates, and the Republic of Korea represented 17 18 by a membership of more than three hundred fifty thousand college-educated women; and 19 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated uses a five-point program of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, 20 21 physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to assist the global 22 community; and

WHEREAS, represented in the ranks of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
are such notable women as former state senators Diana E. Bajoie, Cheryl Gray Evans,
Sharon Weston Broome, and Karen Carter Peterson, and former state representatives Renee
Gill Pratt, Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, Rosalind Peychaud, Jalila Jefferson Bullock, and C.
Denise Marcelle, 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 who make a major impact on their
 respective communities and the state by championing important issues; and

1	WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
2	on one hundred ten years of service and for its outstanding achievements in the community,
3	the state, and the world.
4	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
5	does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 10, 2023, as Red and White Day at the Louisiana
6	State Capitol; does hereby commend the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
7	Incorporated for their exceptional achievements and manifold contributions; and does hereby
8	extend enduring appreciation to the organization and its members for the tremendous honor
9	and pride that they bring to their local communities, the state, and the nation.
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Elsie
11	Cooke-Holmes, National President and CEO since 2022; National First Vice President, Pam
12	Smith, Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and to Crystal Barker,
13	Regional Director for the Southwest Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Celeste D. Ellis.

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