

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated Day at the state capitol.

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

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority exercises its collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to the community; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was incorporated in 1930 and is a private, nonprofit organization that provides assistance and support 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, a sisterhood of more than three hundred fifty thousand predominately African American college-educated women, comprised of more than one thousand and fifty chapters worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, stand on the shoulders of giants such as former state representatives Renee Gill Pratt, Rosalind Peychaud, Jalila Jefferson Bullock, and the late Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, and former state senators Diana E. Bajoie, Karen Carter Peterson, and Cheryl Gray Evans who have left an incredible imprint on this state's history; and

WHEREAS, membership in this highly regarded, service-based sorority also includes our very own Secretary of the Senate Yolanda J. Dixon; and

WHEREAS, to uplift, encourage, and develop the global community, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, focuses its efforts on the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of: Economic Development; Educational Development; International Awareness and Involvement; Physical and Mental Health; and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

WHEREAS, the organizational structure and governance of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, is invested in the Grand Chapter, which meets at a biennial national convention, and regional conferences which are held in the seven geographic regions of the organization during nonconvention years; and

WHEREAS, the success of the public service programs of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, has depended upon its commitment to community service and academic achievement as well as its quest for excellence in all endeavors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated Day at the state capitol; 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 pride and honor that they bring to their local communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE