

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY SENATOR PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes Wednesday, April 6, 2016, as the 32nd annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 6, 2016, as the thirty-second annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated on one hundred three years of service and outstanding achievements in the community, the state, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Social Action Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated would like to acknowledge the vision of Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature that began in 1985 has resulted in Red and White Day growing from a Louisiana tradition to one observed by many of the sororities and fraternities, more than one thousand chapters throughout the country, and held annually at the nation's capital in Washington, D.C.; and

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; and

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

1 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority celebrates one hundred and three years of
2 exercising its collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance
3 to the community; and

4 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was incorporated in 1930 and is a private,
5 nonprofit organization that provides assistance and support through established programs
6 in local communities and throughout the world; and

7 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is the largest African-American Greek letter
8 sorority, a sisterhood of more than two hundred thousand predominately African-American
9 college educated women; and

10 WHEREAS, it is comprised of over nine hundred chapters located in the United
11 States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Haiti,
12 the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

13 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority uses its Five-Point Program Thrust of
14 Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and
15 Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement to
16 uplift, encourage, and develop the global community; and

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

22 WHEREAS, on this Red and White Day, the sorority honors and celebrates eight of
23 its members who are making major impact on the state in true Delta fashion and have proven
24 themselves as notable leaders in Louisiana government; these ladies are: Deputy
25 Undersecretary Kim Hunter-Reed, Senator Karen Carter Peterson, Secretary Kimberly
26 Robinson, Assistant Secretary Mandi Mitchell, Deputy Undersecretary Etta Harris, First
27 Assistant Secretary Yolanda Dixon, Special Counsel Erin Monroe Wesley, and Maxine
28 Cormier; and

29 WHEREAS, the sorority will be joined by Governor Edwards who will serve as the
30 keynote Red and White Day speaker and will assist the members in congratulating these

1 eight outstanding women.

2 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
3 does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 6, 2016, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
4 Incorporated's Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature, does hereby commend the
5 women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for their exceptional achievements and
6 manifold contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation to the organization
7 and its members for the tremendous honor and pride that they bring to their local
8 communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10 president of the Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and to the
11 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 J. Ashley Mitchell Carter.

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