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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1008

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May 2, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA
2 SORORITY WHILE OBSERVING THE ORGANIZATION'S ONE HUNDREDTH
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, was founded on January 13,
5 1913, by a group of 22 undergraduate women on the campus of Howard University in
6 Washington, DC; and

7 Whereas, the founders of the sorority included Osceola McCarthy Adams,
8 Marguerite Young Alexander, Winona Cargile Alexander, Ethel Cuff Black, Bertha Pitts
9 Campbell, Zepher Chisome Carter, Edna Brown Coleman, Jessie McGuire Dent, Fredericka
10 Chase Dodd, Myra Davis Hemmings, Olive C. Jones, Jimmie Bugg Middleton, Pauline
11 Oberdorfer Minor, Vashti Turley Murphy, Naomi Sewell Richardson, Mamie Reddy Rose,
12 Eliza Pearl Shippen, Florence Letcher Toms, Ethel Carr Watson, Wertie Blackwell Weaver,
13 Madree Penn White, and Edith Motte Young; and

14 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a private, nonprofit
15 organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs
16 in local communities throughout the world; and

17 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African-American
18 Greek letter sorority, a sisterhood of more than 250,000 predominately African-American
19 college-educated women, comprised of over 900 chapters in the United States, England, Japan,
20 Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

21 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is able to carry out its mission
22 through its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of Economic Development, Educational
23 Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and
24 Political Awareness and Involvement; and

25 Whereas, throughout its 100-year history, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
26 has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to service by implementing and sustaining programs
27 such as those through the Financial Fortitude initiative, which seek to close the widening gap
28 between the poor and wealthy, and through educational programs, such as the established Dr.
29 Betty Shabazz Delta Academy, which provides opportunity for local chapters to enrich and
30 enhance the education that young women receive in public schools across the nation to prepare
31 them for full participation as leaders in the 21st Century; and

32 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, has demonstrated an
33 unwavering global commitment of service by establishing and maintaining the Mary Help of
34 the Sick Mission Hospital in Thika, Kenya, and as evidenced by its designation as a
35 nongovernmental organization to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nation and its



1 promotion to special consultative status, as a result of its volunteer services and humanitarian
2 efforts performed to address issues throughout the world; and

3 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, has remained an active and
4 committed participant in the democratic process by instituting its annual Delta Days at the
5 United Nations and Delta Days at the Nation's Capital; and

6 Whereas, as part the Sorority's centennial celebration, the Delta Torch has been
7 making a symbolic journey across the country stopping in 22 cities significant in Delta Sigma
8 Theta Sorority, Incorporated's history, including Greensboro and Charlotte and culminating in
9 Washington DC for the Sorority's 51st national convention; and

10 Whereas, on May 22, 2013, members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
11 along with members of the Links, Inc., North Carolina Black Women Empowerment Network,
12 Triangle Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, National Council of Negro
13 Women, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., will participate in
14 the "Gathering: Women at the General Assembly" to bring attention to issues affecting women
15 in North Carolina; and

16 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, should be commended for
17 making a difference in American and international communities, always following in the
18 footsteps of its founders and upholding its commitment to be great stewards of sisterhood,
19 scholarship, and service; Now, therefore,

20 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

21 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of the founders of
22 the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and commends them for their vision in
23 establishing this public service organization.

24 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives applauds and acknowledges the
25 women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for their commitment on improving the
26 lives of those in their communities and around the world.

27 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
28 to the Director of the South Atlantic Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

29 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.