**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO WELCOME DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. TO CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE, AND TO THANK THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THEIR VARIOUS COMMUNITIES.

Whereas, founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has focused on public service since its inception in 1913; and

Whereas, in the Charleston area, it has been active since November 15, 1940; and

Whereas, the purpose of Delta Sigma Theta is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than two hundred thousand predominately black college‑educated women, the sorority currently has over nine hundred chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

Whereas, the major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization’s Five Point Programmatic Thrust: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement; and

Whereas, the sorority’s founders wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence, provide scholarships, offer support to the underserved, educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities; and

Whereas, the Charleston Alumnae Chapter, North Charleston Alumnae Chapter, Nu Sigma Chapter of Charleston Southern University, and Lambda Omicron Chapter of the College of Charleston are hosting the sorority’s South Atlantic Regional Conference from August 4 through August 7, 2011, at the Charleston Area Convention Center; and

Whereas, cognizant of the group’s fine record of service, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in welcoming the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to South Carolina on the occasion of their South Atlantic Regional Conference. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, welcome Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to Charleston, South Carolina, on the occasion of its South Atlantic Regional Conference, and thank the members for their many years of service to their various communities.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Charleston Alumnae Chapter, North Charleston Alumnae Chapter, Nu Sigma Chapter of Charleston Southern University, and Lambda Omicron Chapter of the College of Charleston of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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