**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE REENACTMENT OF THE HISTORIC 1913 WASHINGTON, D.C., WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE MARCH AND RALLY, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2013, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CITIZENS OF THE PALMETTO STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORTHY EVENT.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the historic 1913 Washington, D.C., Women’s Suffrage March and Rally will be reenacted in Columbia on Saturday, March 23, 2013, in celebration of the original march’s one hundredth anniversary; and

Whereas, hosted by the Columbia, South Carolina alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the event is scheduled to begin at nine o’clock in the morning on the grounds of Sidney Park CME Church and will conclude at noon after a rally at the State House. The twentieth national president of Delta Sigma Theta, Dr. Bertha Maxwell Roddey, will serve as the reenactment’s grand marshal; and

Whereas, in 1913 women from all walks of life all over the world marched clad in white in support of protest against the exclusion of women in the political organization of society; and

Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta, an international public‑service organization of college‑trained women, was founded in January 1913 by 22 collegiate women on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., and immediately embraced, as its first project of social action, participation in this pivotal 1913 march for women’s right to vote. Since 1940, the sorority’s Columbia, South Carolina alumnae chapter has served the Midlands by implementing programs addressing economic and educational development, physical and mental health, and international and political awareness and involvement; and

Whereas, because 2013 marks the centennial of both Delta Sigma Theta’s founding and the 1913 Washington, D.C., Women’s Suffrage March and Rally, it is particularly appropriate that Delta Sigma Theta should sponsor this important reenactment of the 1913 march; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in saluting Delta Sigma Theta for its sponsorship of the reenactment and urges all South Carolina’s citizens to join in marking the occasion. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize the reenactment of the historic 1913 Washington, D.C., Women’s Suffrage March and Rally, to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013, and encourage the citizens of the Palmetto State to participate in this worthy event.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

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