**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE COLUMBIA ALUMNAE CHAPTER AND THE RICHLAND COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, FOR YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, TO WISH ITS MEMBERS MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO DESIGNATE FEBRUARY 16, 2020, AS “COLUMBIA ALUMNAE CHAPTER AND RICHLAND COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER, DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, FOUNDERS DAY” IN THE PALMETTO STATE, CELEBRATED IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY WITH AN OBSERVANCE CHURCH SERVICE AT ST. MATTHEW’S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AND MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH.

Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty‑two collegiate women at Howard University who wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to those in need; and

Whereas, in March of 1913, these founders performed their first public act by participating in the Women’s Suffrage March in Washington, D.C. The sorority was later incorporated in 1930; and

Whereas, today Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a private, nonprofit organization consisting of predominantly Black, college‑educated women. The sorority aims to assist and support local communities throughout the world through established programs; and

Whereas, since the founding of the organization, more than two hundred thousand women have joined. The sorority currently has one thousand collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, Canada, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, and the Republic of Korea; and

Whereas, one hundred seven years after its founding, today’s members follow in the footsteps of their founders and remain at the forefront of action as a voice for those in need; and

Whereas, this year’s celebration marked an historic milestone as the two chapters came together at Fairfield Central High School to observe the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, founders day worship service; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives greatly appreciate the dedicated service of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in our local communities, within the Palmetto State, and throughout the nation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives recognize and honor the Columbia Alumnae Chapter and the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for years of dedicated public service to the community and wish its members many years of continued growth and development;

Be it further resolved that February 16, 2020, be designated as “Columbia Alumnae Chapter and Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Founders Day” in the Palmetto State, celebrated in Fairfield County with an observance church service at St. Matthew’s First Baptist Church and Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

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