**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. UPON THE OCCASION OF THE DELTA SIGMA THETA SOUTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE FOUNDERS’ DAY AND TO WELCOME ITS MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that the Delta Sigma Theta South Carolina Statewide Founders’ Day will be held in Hartsville on February 1, 2020; and

Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta 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, not‑for‑profit organization consisting of a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college-educated women. The sorority aims to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world; 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, the sorority’s major programs are based upon its Five‑Point Programmatic Thrust. More than ten thousand members typically attend its biennial national conventions, and each of its seven regional conferences typically hosts thousands of members. At its recent fifty-first national convention held in the District of Columbia, more than thirty-eight thousand members registered and attended; and

Whereas, more than one hundred five 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, the sorority’s 2017‑19 biennial theme is “joy in our sisterhood, power in our voice and service in our heart”; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedicated service of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to its local communities, the State of South Carolina, and the United States of America. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. upon the occasion of the Delta Sigma Theta South Carolina Statewide Founders’ Day and welcome its members to the City of Hartsville.

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

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