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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the Delta Sigma Theta
4 Sorority as they visit the Illinois State Capitol for Delta
5 Days on March 28, 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Delta Sigma Theta has focused
7 on five areas: economic development, educational development,
8 international awareness and involvement, physical and mental
9 Health, and political awareness and involvement; and

10 WHEREAS, In March 1913, six weeks after its founding, Delta
11 Sigma Theta took part in its first action - marching in the
12 women's suffrage parade in Washington, D.C.; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1989, the National Social Action Commission
14 instituted Delta Days in the nation's capital, an annual
15 legislative conference to increase members' involvement in the
16 national public policymaking process; the annual conference
17 includes legislative briefings, issue forums, and advocacy
18 skills development; featured speakers include key
19 policymakers, members of the United States Congress,
20 Congressional staff members, and national issues experts;
21 events are also held on the regional, State, and local levels;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, Delta Days activities include briefings on
2 legislative issues which impact the African-American
3 community; skill development sessions such as "How to Lobby
4 Effectively", "Understanding the Role of Congressional
5 Staffers", and "How to Monitor and Track Legislation"; it also
6 includes legislative visits to members of Congress; and

7 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta has 24 chapters in the State of
8 Illinois, which is part of the Mighty Midwest Region, comprised
9 of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio,
10 Wisconsin, and West Virginia; it has 3,800 members in Illinois;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Today, the goals of Delta Sigma Theta are voter
13 registration and voter education programs, combating voter
14 suppression, full restoration of voting rights for individuals
15 who have paid their debt to society (ex-offenders), affordable
16 health care and access to quality health care, financial
17 literacy and economic empowerment, support for historically
18 African American colleges and universities, political
19 awareness and involvement, gender equality, and ending racial
20 profiling; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 recognize the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as they visit the
2 Illinois State Capitol for Delta Days on March 28, 2017; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Delta Sigma Theta as a symbol of our respect and
6 esteem.