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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On January 13, 1913, 22 young collegiate women at the campus of Howard University founded Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated with a vision to improve their community through the committed constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the black community; and

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WHEREAS, The sorority has observed their 100th anniversary in January of 2013 and has grown to become the largest African-American female organization in the world, with more than 200,000 college-educated women; and

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WHEREAS, On January 10, 1976, the Springfield-Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter was chartered by 18 women who wanted to carry out the vision of the 22 founders; and

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WHEREAS, The Springfield-Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter carries out the Sorority's Five Programmatic Thrusts of Economic Development: Educational Development, International Involvement and Awareness, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement in their programmatic efforts which serve the Springfield and Decatur communities; and

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1 WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, the Springfield-Decatur
2 Area Alumnae Chapter has given unwavering service to the
3 community by implementing programs such as La Petite Delta, the
4 Dr. Betty Shabazz Academy, EMBODI, the Dr. Jeanne Noble GEMS,
5 and programs to improve the physical and mental health of the
6 community by offering workshops on financial fortitude,
7 domestic violence, cancer awareness, and diabetes awareness;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Springfield-Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter has
10 performed many public service activities in the Springfield and
11 Decatur communities for the past 40 years by volunteering at
12 various social service organizations, raising funds to assist
13 with important activities, and working with children and senior
14 citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, The Springfield-Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter
16 continues to encourages citizens to be active participants in
17 the political process by holding voter registration drives,
18 hosting candidate forums to educate citizens on those seeking
19 office, and raising awareness of social issues which may affect
20 the community; and

21 WHEREAS, The Springfield-Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter
22 continues to grow in the Springfield and Decatur communities
23 through 40 years of uncompromising commitment to our

1 communities through service, leadership, and empowerment;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate the members of the Springfield-Decatur Area
6 Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for
7 their 40 years of uncompromising commitment to our communities
8 through their service, leadership, and empowerment of those
9 they serve; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the Springfield-Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of
12 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as an expression of our esteem and
13 respect.