

By: Senator(s) Harden, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CIVIC DEDICATION OF DELTA SIGMA
2 THETA PUBLIC SERVICE SORORITY AND RECOGNIZING MARCH 9, 2002, AS
3 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an international
5 public service sorority that has chosen the fight against HIV/AIDS
6 in the African American Community as one of its national
7 initiatives for the 2000-2002 biennium. Throughout its history,
8 the sorority has initiated and promoted cutting edge community
9 service programs and projects addressing critical needs in
10 education, economic development and physical and mental health.
11 The newly established *International Day of Service* spans the
12 Health and International Awareness and Involvement components of
13 our Five Point Program. It focuses the attention of the entire
14 sorority on the spread of this epidemic disease that is
15 devastating so many families and communities both in this country
16 and on the African continent; and

17 WHEREAS, with the rampant spread of HIV and AIDS in this
18 country and abroad, we face one of the most severe challenges to
19 the stability and longevity of African and African-American
20 families. Though advances in medical science have lengthened the
21 average survival time by three years, not all have access to life
22 preserving treatments. Though there is increased knowledge about
23 the disease and individual approaches to prevention, far too many
24 people still believe "It can't happen to me!"; and

25 WHEREAS, members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., have
26 been called to help raise awareness of how each individual can
27 contribute to preventing the spread of this disease by



28 participating in an *International Day of Service*. On March 9,
29 2002, every Delta Chapter is asked to provide a service that
30 supports the awareness of and eradication of this disease through
31 activities that provide for those who are suffering from the
32 ravages of HIV and AIDS; and

33 WHEREAS, currently, the Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta
34 Sigma Theta is working with Building Bridges and MS Black AIDS
35 Network. The tentative scheduled events are a Run/Walk to benefit
36 services to AIDS victims at the Pediatric HIV Clinic at University
37 Medical Center, a panel discussion on the myths, half truths and
38 truths of AIDS prevention and a concert. All of these events will
39 be held at the Jackson Medical Mall; and

40 WHEREAS, Saturday, March 9, 2002, is the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
41 SERVICE to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS locally, nationally and
42 internationally. Every chapter of Delta Sigma Theta throughout
43 the world is enjoined to launch or culminate a program or project
44 dealing with awareness and education or support for diagnosed
45 victims on that day. Deltas will be seen and heard on that day as
46 advocates for total community support in the fight against the
47 spread of HIV/AIDS in all communities, but most particularly in
48 the African American community; and

49 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the civic
50 dedication of this service group whose energy is an inspiration to
51 all citizens of the State of Mississippi:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the civic dedication of
54 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Public Service Sorority and
55 recognize March 9, 2002, as International Day of Service to combat
56 the spread of HIV/AIDS locally, nationally and internationally.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to
58 the representatives of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and be
59 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

