

By: Representative Espy

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY,  
2 INCORPORATED, FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO HIGHLIGHT THE ISSUES AND  
3 PROVIDE SOLUTIONS FOR PROBLEMS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, AND  
4 CONGRATULATING IT ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 2006 STATEWIDE "DELTA  
5 DAY" IN THE STATE'S CAPITOL.

6 WHEREAS, on January 13, 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
7 Incorporated, was founded by 22 women driven by a desire to  
8 provide scholarships and support to the underserved; to educate  
9 and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive  
10 public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for  
11 problems in their communities; and

12 WHEREAS, anxious to create change and highlight issues facing  
13 its community, the sorority participated in the Women's Suffrage  
14 March of 1913 as its first public act; and

15 WHEREAS, on February 2, 2006, Deltas from the chapters of  
16 Alcorn, Bolivar County, Clay County, Clinton, Gamma Psi of  
17 Tougaloo College, Greenwood-Itta Bena, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Moss  
18 Point, Mu Nu of the University of Southern Mississippi, Tupelo,  
19 Vicksburg and Yazoo City have marched to the Mississippi State  
20 Capitol to highlight issues affecting their communities by  
21 delivering those issues to state lawmakers; and

22 WHEREAS, more than 200,000 college educated women in over 900  
23 chapters throughout the United States, England, Japan, Germany,  
24 the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea execute  
25 the sorority's Five Point Programmatic Thrust, which promotes  
26 educational development, economic development, international  
27 awareness and involvement, physical and mental health and

28 political awareness and involvement in local communities and  
29 throughout the world; and

30 WHEREAS, annually, thousands of members of this extraordinary  
31 sorority travel from around the world to Washington, D.C., to  
32 attend "Delta Days in the Nation's Capital," which is the annual  
33 legislative conference to increase sorority members' involvement  
34 in the national public policy-making process; and

35 WHEREAS, the annual conference includes legislative  
36 briefings, issue forums, advocacy skills development, and featured  
37 speakers including key policy makers, members of the United States  
38 Congress, congressional staff members, and national issues  
39 experts; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
41 commend organizations such as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
42 Incorporated, that has given countless volunteer hours to improve  
43 communities throughout the world:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
46 commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for its  
47 commitment to highlight the issues and provide solutions for  
48 problems within the community and congratulating it on the  
49 occasion of its 2006 statewide "Delta Day" in the State's Capitol.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and to the  
52 members of the Capitol Press Corps.