

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.