MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representatives Wooten, Gibbs (72nd), To: Rules Perkins

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 80

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MADISON 2 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA 3 SORORITY, INCORPORATED, UPON ITS 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY. 4 WHEREAS, the Madison County, Mississippi, Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is being honored upon its 5 10-year anniversary as members of the prolific chapter celebrate 6 "A Decade of Service, Designed for a Purpose"; and 7 WHEREAS, in 2004 a group of beautiful and service-minded 8 9 Delta women made a commitment to offer services to in-need women, 10 men and children via community programs as outlined in the Five 11 Point Programmatic Thrust of the national organization, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the programs are as follows: 12 13 Economic Development, Educational Development, International 14 Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and 15 Political Awareness and Involvement; and 16 WHEREAS, as a result of this valuable commitment, the Madison 17 County, Mississippi, Alumnae Chapter was charted on April 26, 18 2008, under the leadership of then Regional Director of the

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19 sorority, Christine Nixon, and under the principles of public 20 service and sisterhood; and

21 WHEREAS, upon the chartering of this fine alumnae chapter, it 22 became the 20th chapter in the Southern Region as 50 dynamic Delta 23 women were inducted as charter members, and since that time, the 24 chapter has continued to flourish through member reclamations in 25 and around Madison County, Mississippi, collegiate member 26 transitions to the alumnae chapter and through the induction of 27 27 new members in April of 2017; and

28 WHEREAS, the Madison County, Mississippi, Alumnae Chapter, 29 which services the areas of Camden, Canton, Farmhaven, Flora, 30 Gluckstadt, Madison, Ridgeland and Sharon, has contributed to or 31 participated in a plethora of activities since its chartering, 32 some of which include: American Red Cross Relief Fund; Back to 33 School Supply Drives and Adopt-A-Family programs in Madison and 34 Canton; ACT Workshops; Wiggin' Out for a Cure wig drives for the 35 American Cancer Society Diva Den; physical and mental health wellness fairs and community walks; business expos and 36 37 entrepreneurship workshops; World AIDS Day programs; expungement clinics; Little Dresses for Africa international awareness 38 39 projects; consumer protection and fraud workshops, voter registration drives and policy symposiums as well as many youth 40 41 educational development programs such as Delta Academy, Delta GEMS 42 and EMBODI and over \$50,000 in scholarships to high school seniors; 43

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45 WHEREAS, due to the diligent and productive work of the 46 Madison County, Mississippi, Alumnae Chapter, which is a role 47 model for other public service organizations, it has earned 48 numerous distinguished service awards within the sorority and from 49 other service organizations such as the American Cancer Society, 50 which is a true testament of the powerful impact the chapter has 51 made in its endeavors; and

52 WHEREAS, throughout the decade of service that the Madison 53 County, Mississippi, Alumnae Chapter has provided superb 54 leadership through its chapter presidents, Daphne M. Higgins 55 (2008-2012), Katrina B. Myricks (2012-2016) and Jennifer M. Riley 56 (2016-present); and

57 WHEREAS, in addition to the astute leadership of the chapter, 58 which currently has 160 members, many of its members have served 59 in state, regional and national leadership roles for Delta Sigma 60 Theta Sorority, Inc., which speaks to the caliber of Delta women 61 that make up the chapter; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to pay tribute to an exceptional public service organization such as the Madison County, Mississippi, Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., whose contributions not only greatly benefit its service areas - but greatly benefit the Magnolia State as a whole:

H. R. No. 80 18/HR26/R2223 PAGE 3 (OM\KW) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Madison County, Mississippi, Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., upon its 10-year anniversary and wish the members of the chapter many more decades of service, designed for a purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to the president of the Madison County, Mississippi, Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.