

By: Representatives James-Jones, Banks, Bell (65th), Butler-Washington, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs (72nd), Harness, Hines, Holloway (27th), Holloway (76th), Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Porter, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Foster To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE DYNAMIC LADIES
2 OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, ON THE OCCASION OF
3 HOSTING ITS MISSISSIPPI DELTA DAYS AT THE CAPITOL AND ASSERTING
4 THEIR STRENGTH THROUGH ADVOCACY ON FEBRUARY 5-6, 2024.

5 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, a
6 national, nonprofit and nonpartisan sisterhood and public service
7 organization which has stood the test of time, is represented by
8 over 1,000 chapters throughout the United States, England, Japan,
9 Germany, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas and the Republic of
10 Korea, including its numerous chapters within the State of
11 Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, public service and social change have been
13 synonymous with this organization since its founding in 1913, and
14 sparked a movement that has shown growth of more than 300,000
15 members internationally through policy platforms that have served
16 as the catalysts driving Delta Days for the past three decades to
17 uphold the mantle of answering the call to civic, social and
18 political activism; and



19 WHEREAS, on February 5-6, 2024, the dynamic ladies of Delta
20 Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, have journeyed to the capital
21 city focused on "Taking a Stand, by Taking Our Seat" as part of
22 their civic engagement, social advocacy and unified efforts to
23 increase political awareness during their annual Mississippi Delta
24 Days at the Capitol; and

25 WHEREAS, Delta Days at the Capitol is a time for members to
26 engage with elected officials and promote awareness for important
27 legislative issues impacting the community, and paired with the
28 goal of advocating and asserting the collective strength of the
29 members of this sisterhood to work strategically within the
30 legislative process; and

31 WHEREAS, holding true to its legacy and commitment to
32 advancing its arm of public service, Delta Days at the Capitol is
33 a vitally enduring component of the organization's national agenda
34 to educate and stimulate its members regarding public policy and
35 advocacy, denoting more than 111 years of social action to remain
36 politically engaged with policy implementation in the State of
37 Mississippi, a testament in keeping with the mission and motto
38 established by its founders and highlighting its nine cardinal
39 values, as best symbolized by the nine jewels incorporated into
40 the Sigma emblem: Honesty, Purity, Fidelity, Justice, Compassion,
41 Dedication, Fellowship, Temperance and Courtesy; and

42 WHEREAS, because the national and local organizations remain
43 engaged in causes that impact the communities of its members



44 through political engagement and social reform, the regional and
45 local chapters work hard to execute plans of action with precision
46 and finality; and

47 WHEREAS, this year's Delta Days at the Capitol steering
48 committee includes: Southern Regional Director, Amaris L.
49 Johnson; Southern Regional Representative, Jaylin C. Martin;
50 Regional Social Action Coordinator, Alfreda D. Coward; Mississippi
51 State Coordinator, Jennifer Riley, PhD; and the Mississippi State
52 Facilitator, Sydney Ballard; all of whom are duly supported by the
53 Mississippi National Social Action Commissioner, Waikinya Clanton;
54 and

55 WHEREAS, the Chairwomen of the 2024 Delta Days at the Capitol
56 are State Representative for House District 51, Timaka James-Jones
57 and Shulandra Kerr, who are passionately supported by the host
58 chapter, the Madison County, Mississippi Alumnae Chapter, under
59 the keen leadership of President Keila Brown; and

60 WHEREAS, zealous in their steadfast commitment to remain the
61 voice for the voiceless in the communities served by the
62 organization, both alumnae and collegiate chapters are expected,
63 during the two-day Delta Days at the Capitol event, to engage in
64 workshops and sessions led by experts in various areas of
65 political, social and civic involvement, geared toward raising
66 member awareness and increasing member involvement in the public
67 policy-making process; and



68 WHEREAS, this year's event is mobilized to represent more
69 than 3,000 members from chapters across the state, the ladies from
70 the Alumnae Chapters of Alcorn County, Bolivar County,
71 Clarksdale-Marks, Clay County, Clinton, DeSoto County, Greenville,
72 Greenwood-Itta Bena, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Madison, Meridian,
73 Mississippi Gulf Coast, Moss Point, Natchez, Pike County,
74 Vicksburg and Yazoo City, along with the young ladies from the
75 collegiate chapters of Alcorn State University, Jackson State
76 University, Mississippi State University, Rust College, Tougaloo
77 College, the University of Mississippi and the University of
78 Southern Mississippi will convene in Jackson, Mississippi, to
79 continue the legacy of Mississippi Delta Days at the Capitol; and

80 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
81 commend dedicated civic organizations, such as Delta Sigma Theta
82 Sorority, Incorporated, that have given and continue to give
83 countless volunteer hours to educate and improve communities
84 throughout this great state, the nation and the world:

85 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
86 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
87 commend the dynamic ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
88 Incorporated, for their 111 years of commitment and resolve to
89 social activism throughout the State of Mississippi and
90 congratulate them on the occasion of hosting its Mississippi Delta
91 Days at the Capitol, and "Taking a Stand, by Taking Our Seat" at
92 the advocacy table on February 5-6, 2024.



93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
94 furnished to the Mississippi Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta
95 Sorority, Incorporated, and to the members of the Capitol Press
96 Corps.

