

By: Senator(s) Turner-Ford, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHERYL W. TURNER AS NATIONAL FIRST
2 VICE PRESIDENT OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY AND COMMENDING HER
3 CONSIDERABLE CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS.

4 WHEREAS, we join the membership of Lambda Sigma Chapter of
5 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at the University of Mississippi in
6 honoring the contributions of Cheryl W. Turner; and

7 WHEREAS, professionally, Cheryl W. Turner has 30 years of
8 senior-level administrative and management experience. Upon her
9 retirement from the State of Mississippi, she assumed the role of
10 Director of Personal and Professional Development with Jefferson
11 Stevens Consultants, LLC, where she is responsible for client
12 acquisition and development. Soror Turner deems this work
13 extremely fulfilling, as she shares years of leadership experience
14 through individual one-on-one empowerment sessions, as well as
15 group trainings and assessments; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Turner holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in
17 Forensic Chemistry and a Master of Public Administration Degree
18 from the University of Mississippi. She is a Certified Public



19 Manager, and holds a Continuous Readiness Certification from the
20 Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.
21 She is active in her community and church, serving as Local Gun
22 Violence Prevention Lead for the Mississippi Chapter of MOMS
23 Demand Action, Mentor for the Medgar Evers Academy for
24 African-American Males, and President of Farish Street Baptist
25 Church Missionary Society. She has been recognized as "Who's Who"
26 among Mississippi Leaders (2016), and Class Leader for the Greater
27 Metro-Jackson Chamber of Commerce Leadership Development Class of
28 2015; and

29 WHEREAS, initiated into the Lambda Sigma Chapter of Delta
30 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., at the University of Mississippi in
31 1975, Ms. Turner is currently a member of the Jackson,
32 Mississippi, Alumnae Chapter, serving as immediate past Chair of
33 the Social Action Committee. During 2017-2020, Soror Turner
34 served as State DDAC Chairperson. Prior to membership in JMAC,
35 Soror Turner served in elected and appointed leadership positions
36 within three chapters; and

37 WHEREAS, regionally, Cheryl Turner served as Regional Chair
38 of Nominations, 2007-2009, and was appointed trainer for the
39 Culture of Giving Campaign under the Delta Research and Education
40 Foundation, 2009-2011. Soror Turner served two terms as the
41 Southern Regional Director of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,
42 from 2011-2016. She was elected during the Sorority's 43rd
43 Southern Regional Conference in Memphis, Tennessee, and was the



44 first Mississippian to be elected to the position since the
45 inception of Regional Conferences in 1926. As Southern Regional
46 Director, she served on the Sorority's National Executive Board
47 and was responsible for the oversight and management of 215
48 established chapters in the largest region of the organization;
49 and

50 WHEREAS, in 2017, Soror Turner was appointed as Inaugural
51 Chair of the Reclamation Project, a subcommittee of the National
52 Membership Services Committee, serving through 2021. Her love for
53 Delta Sigma Theta and all things service-oriented earned her an
54 appointment as Co-Chair of the 2021-2023 National Program Planning
55 and Development Committee. In July 2023, Soror Turner was elected
56 as National First Vice President and Chair of the National
57 Scholarship and Standards Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
58 Inc.; and

59 WHEREAS, Ms. Turner is the proud "ChiChi" to Kaylen and Ian
60 Turner, children of her only son, Jared, who is a member of Phi
61 Beta Sigma Fraternity, and daughter-in-love, Sharonda, a member of
62 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

63 WHEREAS, we commend the enormous civic energy of this citizen
64 who serves as an example to all Mississippians:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
66 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize Cheryl W. Turner as
67 National First Vice President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and



68 commend her considerable civic contributions, and wish her
69 continued success in all her future endeavors.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
71 Cheryl W. Turner, forwarded to Lambda Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma
72 Theta Sorority at the University of Mississippi, and made
73 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

