

By: Representative James-Jones

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

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 ON FEBRUARY
4 24-25, 2025.

5 WHEREAS, on February 24-25, 2025, the dynamic ladies of Delta
6 Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, will host its Delta Days at
7 the Capitol, as they journey to the Mississippi State Capitol
8 focused on advocacy and action as part of the organization's long
9 standing duty to civic engagement, social advocacy and unified
10 efforts to increase political awareness; and

11 WHEREAS, Delta Days at the Capitol is a time for the
12 distinguished women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
13 to engage with elected officials and promote awareness for
14 important legislative issues impacting the community, and paired
15 with the goal of advocating and asserting the collective strength
16 of the members of this sisterhood to work strategically within the
17 legislative process; and

18 WHEREAS, this year's theme "Our Fight. Our Future." holds
19 true to the esteemed organization's legacy and commitment to



20 advancing its arm of public service, Delta Days at the Capitol is
21 a vitally important component of the organization's national
22 agenda to educate and stimulate its members regarding public
23 policy and advocacy, denoting more than 112 years of social action
24 to remain politically engaged with policy implementation in the
25 State of Mississippi; and

26 WHEREAS, with public service always at the forefront, the
27 organization has partnered with the Mississippi Center for Justice
28 to provide free expungement for those citizens who seek to restore
29 his or her vote as a testament during Delta Days at the Capitol in
30 keeping with the mission and motto established by its founders and
31 highlighting its nine cardinal values, as best symbolized by the
32 nine jewels incorporated into the Sigma emblem: Honesty, Purity,
33 Fidelity, Justice, Compassion, Dedication, Fellowship, Temperance
34 and Courtesy; and

35 WHEREAS, because the national and local organizations remain
36 engaged in causes that impact the communities of its members
37 through political engagement and social reform, the regional and
38 local chapters work hard to execute plans of action with precision
39 and finality; and

40 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a
41 national, nonprofit and nonpartisan sisterhood and public service
42 organization represented by over 1,000 chapters throughout the
43 United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, the



Bahamas and the Republic of Korea, including its numerous chapters within the State of Mississippi; and

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

WHEREAS, the continuity of Delta Days at the Capitol is a testament to the legacy, mission and motto established by its founders because the national and local organizations remain passionately engaged in causes that impact the communities of its members through political engagement and social reform, the regional and local chapters work hard to execute plans of action with precision and finality; and

WHEREAS, this year's Delta Days at the Capitol steering committee includes: Southern Regional Director, Amaris L. Johnson; Southern Regional Representative, Noel G. Seymour; Regional Social Action Coordinator, Alfreda D. Coward; Mississippi Social Action Coordinator, Timaka James-Jones; Mississippi Social Action Co-Coordinator, Kia Jones; Mississippi State Coordinator, Jennifer Riley, PhD; and the Mississippi State Facilitator, Kaitlin Myricks; and



68 WHEREAS, zealous in their steadfast commitment to remain the
69 voice for the voiceless in the communities served by the
70 organization, both alumnae and collegiate chapters are expected,
71 during the two-day Delta Days at the Capitol event, to engage in
72 workshops and sessions led by experts in various areas of
73 political, social and civic involvement, geared toward raising
74 member awareness and increasing member involvement in the public
75 policy-making process; and

76 WHEREAS, this year's event is mobilized to represent
77 thousands of members from chapters across the state, including the
78 Alumnae Chapters of Alcorn County, Bolivar County,
79 Clarksdale-Marks, Clay County, Clinton, DeSoto County, Greenville,
80 Greenwood-Itta Bena, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Madison, Meridian,
81 Mississippi Gulf Coast, Moss Point, Natchez, Pike County,
82 Vicksburg and Yazoo City, along with the young ladies from the
83 collegiate chapters of Alcorn State University, Jackson State
84 University, Mississippi State University, Rust College, Tougaloo
85 College, the University of Mississippi and the University of
86 Southern Mississippi will convene in Jackson, Mississippi, to
87 continue the legacy of Mississippi Delta Days at the Capitol; and

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



93 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
94 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
95 commend the dynamic ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
96 Incorporated, for their 112 years of commitment to social activism
97 throughout the State of Mississippi and the nation, and
98 congratulate them on the occasion of hosting its Mississippi Delta
99 Days at the Capitol, under the advocacy theme "Our Fight. Our
100 Future." on February 24-25, 2025.

101 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
102 furnished to the Mississippi Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta
103 Sorority, Incorporated, and to the members of the Capitol Press
104 Corps.

