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3 By Senator Coleman  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR71,

5 RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNUAL DELTA DAY AT THE ALABAMA  
6 STATE CAPITOL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012, AND COMMENDING  
7 DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED.  
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9 WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that we recognize  
10 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, on the observance of  
11 the 20th Annual Delta Day on Thursday, April 19, 2012, at the  
12 Alabama State Capitol; and

13 WHEREAS, a sisterhood founded on January 13, 1913,  
14 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University, Delta Sigma Theta  
15 Sorority now has grown to a membership of more than 250,000  
16 women, predominantly Black and college-educated, in more than  
17 1,000 chapters throughout the United States and abroad; and

18 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority follows a  
19 national Five Point Program: Economic Development, Educational  
20 Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical  
21 and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement;  
22 the sorority promotes academic excellence, provides  
23 scholarships, and encourages positive public policy; and

24 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is proud to recognize  
25 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority members who serve in the Alabama

1 Legislature: Senator Linda Coleman and former Senator Sundra  
2 Escott; Representatives Laura Hall, Merika Coleman, Mary  
3 Moore, Pebblin Warren, and Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, 19th National  
4 President; we also honor additional Delta Sigma Theta members:  
5 the late national Congresswomen of distinction, Shirley  
6 Chisholm, Barbara Jordan, and Stephanie Tubbs Jones; as well  
7 as Dr. Regina Benjamin, an Alabama native nominated on July  
8 13, 2009, to serve as the United States Surgeon General, who  
9 was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on  
10 October 29, 2009; and Reverend Gwendolyn E. Boyd, 22nd  
11 National President, a native Alabamian and member of the Board  
12 of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence  
13 in Education Foundation, nominee of President Barack Obama;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, an organization characterized by membership  
16 bonding, mutual support, and public interest, Delta Sigma  
17 Theta Sorority has been of significant benefit to young women  
18 and their communities through the years; the State of Alabama  
19 is proud to recognize the organization's significant  
20 contributions to educational, civic, and social advancement;  
21 now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
24 Incorporated, is most highly commended on the occasion of  
25 Delta Day on Thursday, April 19, 2012, at the Alabama State

1 Capitol, and we offer this resolution for presentation to  
2 Cheryl W. Turner, Interim Southern Regional Director, and for  
3 appropriate display, with our sincere best wishes for all  
4 future endeavors.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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