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

16 WHEREAS, a sisterhood founded on January 13, 1913,  
17 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University, Delta Sigma Theta  
18 Sorority now has grown to a membership of more than 250,000  
19 women, predominantly Black and college-educated, in more than  
20 1,000 chapters throughout the United States and abroad; and

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

1           WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is proud to recognize  
2 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority members who serve in the Alabama  
3 Legislature: Senator Linda Coleman and former Senator Sundra  
4 Escott; Representatives Laura Hall, Merika Coleman, Mary  
5 Moore, Pebblin Warren, and Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, 19th National  
6 President; we also honor additional Delta Sigma Theta members:  
7 the late national Congresswomen of distinction, Shirley  
8 Chisholm, Barbara Jordan, and Stephanie Tubbs Jones; as well  
9 as Dr. Regina Benjamin, an Alabama native nominated on July  
10 13, 2009, to serve as the United States Surgeon General, who  
11 was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on  
12 October 29, 2009; and Reverend Gwendolyn E. Boyd, 22nd  
13 National President, a native Alabamian and member of the Board  
14 of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence  
15 in Education Foundation, nominee of President Barack Obama;  
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17           WHEREAS, an organization characterized by membership  
18 bonding, mutual support, and public interest, Delta Sigma  
19 Theta Sorority has been of significant benefit to young women  
20 and their communities through the years; the State of Alabama  
21 is proud to recognize the organization's significant  
22 contributions to educational, civic, and social advancement;  
23 now therefore,

24           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
26 Incorporated, is most highly commended on the occasion of  
27 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.