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3 By Senators Coleman, Dunn, Figures, Irons, Waggoner, Pittman,
4 Marsh, Orr, Beasley, Beason, Smitherman, Singleton, Ross,
5 Allen, Bedford, Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Dial, Fielding,
6 Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Keahey, McGill, Reed, Sanders,
7 Sanford, Scofield, Smith, Taylor, Ward, Whatley, and Williams
8 RFD:
9 First Read: 12-FEB-13

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8 RECOGNIZING THE 21ST ANNUAL DELTA DAY AT THE ALABAMA
9 STATE CAPITOL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013, 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 21st Annual Delta Day on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at
15 the 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 or served in the
3 Alabama Legislature: Senator Linda Coleman and former Senator
4 Sundra Escott; Representatives Laura Hall, Merika Coleman,
5 Mary Moore, Pebblin Warren, and the late Dr. Yvonne Kennedy,
6 who was the 19th National President; we also honor additional
7 Delta Sigma Theta members: the late national Congresswomen of
8 distinction, Shirley Chisholm, Barbara Jordan, and Stephanie
9 Tubbs Jones; as well as Dr. Regina Benjamin, an Alabama native
10 nominated on July 13, 2009, to serve as the United States
11 Surgeon General, who was unanimously confirmed by the United
12 States Senate on October 29, 2009; and Reverend Gwendolyn E.
13 Boyd, 22nd National President, a native Alabamian and member
14 of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship
15 and Excellence in Education Foundation, nominee of President
16 Barack Obama; and

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 Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at the Alabama State

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