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3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD: Rules
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8 RECOGNIZING THE 23RD ANNUAL DELTA DAY AT THE ALABAMA
9 STATE CAPITOL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015, 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 23rd Annual Delta Day on April 16, 2015, at the Alabama
15 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 who served as the United States Surgeon General, and Dr.
11 Gwendolyn E. Boyd, 22nd National President, a native Alabamian
12 of great accomplishment who has returned to her birthplace as
13 the new President of Alabama State University; and

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

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
23 Incorporated, is most highly commended on the occasion of
24 Delta Day on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at the Alabama State
25 Capitol, and we offer this resolution for presentation to
26 Cheryl W. Turner, Southern Regional Director, and for

1 appropriate display, with our sincere best wishes for all
2 future endeavors.