

## House Resolution 1083

By: Representative Epps of the 140<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and its Iota Sigma Chapter;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a public service organization founded on  
4 January 13, 1913, by 22 visionary women at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

5 WHEREAS, the founding sisters included Osceola Macarthy Adams, Marguerite Young  
6 Alexander, Winona Cargile Alexander, Ethel Cuff Black, Bertha Pitts Campbell, Zephyr  
7 Chisom Carter, Edna Brown Coleman, Jessie McGuire Dent, Frederica Chase Dodd, Myra  
8 Davis Hemmings, Olive Jones, Jimmie Bugg Middleton, Pauline Oberdorfer Minor, Vashti  
9 Turley Murphy, Naomi Sewell Richardson, Mamie Reddy Rose, Eliza P. Shippen, Florence  
10 Letcher Toms, Ethel Carr Watson, Wertie Blackwell Weaver, Madree Pen White, and Edith  
11 Motte Young; and

12 WHEREAS, only weeks after its founding, the sorority's first public act was participation in  
13 the Women's Suffrage Movement demanding rights for women, particularly the right to vote;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a sisterhood of college-educated women  
16 committed to implementing the sorority's mission through its Five Point Program Thrust:  
17 Educational Development, Economic Development, Political Awareness and Involvement,  
18 and International Awareness and Involvement; and

19 WHEREAS, the sorority recently celebrated 96 years of exemplary service and support to  
20 local communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues, supporting quality education,  
21 producing new projects to stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the  
22 lives of the people in their communities; and

23 WHEREAS, the Iota Sigma, Mercer University Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,  
24 was chartered on April 26, 1958, by ten illustrious and vivacious women; and

25 WHEREAS, the Iota Sigma, Mercer University Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,  
26 has upheld sorority's values through its extraordinary service programs, including its annual  
27 Philanthropy Week, health fairs, and a host of other programs and projects that have provided  
28 invaluable services to the community; and

29 WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2009, six women aspired to the goals and ideals of Delta Sigma  
30 Theta Sorority, Inc., Texiera Bostic, Brianna Boatwright, Danielle Cummings, Kaylah  
31 Simmons, Claudine Forbes, and Brittney Francis.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body commend the efforts of the Iota Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma  
34 Theta Sorority, Inc., for their continued commitment to public service and for its work in  
35 making the State of Georgia a better place to live and work.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Iota Sigma Chapter of  
38 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.