

House Resolution 525

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Stephenson of the 92nd, and Jones of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., recognizing March 14, 2011, as Delta Day
2 at the state capitol, and inviting representatives of the sorority to be recognized by the House
3 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the sorority recently celebrated 98 years of exemplary service and support to
21 local communities, leading dialogues on public policy issues, supporting quality education,
22 producing new projects to stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the
23 lives of the people in their communities; and

24 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has instituted the Georganna Sinkfield
25 Servant Leadership Award in recognition of her service as the longest serving female in the
26 history of the Georgia General Assembly; and

27 WHEREAS, numerous individuals have contributed to the success of Delta Sigma Theta
28 Sorority, Inc., including Cynthia Butler McIntyre as the 24th national president, Donna
29 Bowan as chairperson, Yovancha Lewis-Samuels as chairperson of DDAC 2011, Reverend
30 Gwendolyn Boyd as the 22nd national president and a keynote speaker, Lois J. Gilder as the
31 interim regional director, Janis Mathis, Esq., as social action commissioner of the southern
32 region, and Beverly Smith as national secretary.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for its
35 continued commitment to public service, recognize its work in making the State of Georgia
36 a better place to live and work, recognize March 14, 2011, as Delta Day at the state capitol,
37 and invite representatives of the sorority to be recognized by the House of Representatives
38 at a date and time to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
41 Inc., and the above-named individuals.