

House Resolution 856

By: Representative Jones of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on the
2 occasion of its 80th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will celebrate its 80th
4 anniversary October 7-9, 2011, during the Clark Atlanta University Homecoming Weekend;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, "Embracing 80 Years of Excellence . . . The Legacy Continues" is the theme
7 of the celebration which will serve as a reunion for hundreds of members from throughout
8 the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, a major goal of the celebration will be the continuation of a student scholarship
10 fund to benefit undergraduate members of Sigma Chapter; and

11 WHEREAS, the members of Sigma Chapter are beneficiaries of the vision of nine
12 sensational ladies, the "Pearl Bearing" sisters, inducted by Edna Morris into the chapter,
13 which was chartered on May 6, 1931; and

14 WHEREAS, members carry on the legacy of the Pearl Bearing sisters and that of the 22
15 collegiate women who founded Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., on January 13, 1913, at
16 Howard University; and

17 WHEREAS, these young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic
18 excellence, provide scholarships, provide support to the underserved, educate and stimulate
19 participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and highlight issues and provide
20 solutions for problems in their communities; and

21 WHEREAS, since its founding, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has grown to include more
22 than 200,000 members in more than 900 chapters located in the United States, England,

23 Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea,
24 including more than 50 local chapters throughout the State of Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, the goals and ideals of Delta Sigma Theta are reflected in its five-point program
26 based on economic development, educational development, international awareness and
27 involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement; and

28 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta's national membership includes a cross-section of the
29 academic, business, religious, and government sectors, including several members of the
30 Georgia General Assembly.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize the members of the Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta
33 Sorority for their outstanding contributions to the State of Georgia and congratulate them on
34 the grand occasion of the chapter's 80th anniversary.

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