

Senate Resolution 156

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizing Monday, February 9, 2015,
2 as Delta Day at the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, only weeks after its founding, the sorority's first public act of service was
7 participation in the women's suffrage movement demanding rights for women, particularly
8 the right to vote; and

9 WHEREAS, more than 200,000 women have joined this illustrious organization, with 1,000
10 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States and around the world, including
11 chapters in England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda,
12 the Bahamas, Jamaica, and the Republic of Korea; and

13 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is composed of college educated women
14 committed for a lifetime to implementing the sorority's mission through its five point
15 program thrust of educational development, economic development, political awareness and
16 involvement, physical and mental health, and international awareness and involvement; and

17 WHEREAS, the sorority celebrates 102 years of exemplary service and dedication toward
18 impacting communities, leading dialogues on national and global public policy, supporting
19 quality education and removing barriers, the stimulation of current and future economic
20 growth, and promoting quality of life overall; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1989, the National Social Action Commission instituted Delta Days in the
22 nation's capital, an annual legislative conference to increase members' involvement in the

23 national public policy-making process and became a Non-Governmental Organization
24 (NGO) at the United Nations in 2003; and

25 WHEREAS, legislative briefings, issue forums, and advocacy skills development and
26 meetings with key policy makers, members of the United States Congress, staff members,
27 and experts are all part of the sorority's established platform; and

28 WHEREAS, Delta Days at the capitol occurs on an annual basis with members from across
29 the entire State of Georgia and in 2015 embraces the theme of Social Action: Power of the
30 Past–Force for the Future; and

31 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., also honors former State Representative
32 Georganna Sinkfield with its Annual Servant Leadership Award in recognition of her service
33 as the longest serving female in the history of the Georgia General Assembly.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for its continued commitment to
36 public service; recognize its collective contributions in helping to make the State of Georgia
37 a better place to live and work; and recognize February 9, 2015, as Delta Day at the Georgia
38 State Capitol.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Delta Sigma Theta
41 Sorority.