

## House Resolution 179

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, and Hopson of the 153<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for its 108 years of service and recognizing  
2 March, 11, 2021, as Delta Day at the state capitol; 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 collegiate women at Howard University in Washington,  
5 D.C.; and

6 WHEREAS, the founding members 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 Penn White, and Edith  
12 Motte Young; and

13 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is a sisterhood of college educated women  
14 dedicated to academic excellence and committed to community service; and

15 WHEREAS, more than 350,000 women have joined the organization to implement the  
16 sorority's mission through its five point programmatic thrust of educational development,  
17 economic development, political awareness and involvement, physical and mental health,  
18 and international awareness and involvement; and

19 WHEREAS, the sorority has 1,058 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United  
20 States as well as internationally, including Germany, England, Japan, the Virgin Islands,  
21 Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

22 WHEREAS, Delta Days at Georgia State Capitol has instituted the Georganna Sinkfield  
23 Servant Leadership Award in recognition of her service as the longest serving female in the  
24 history of the Georgia General Assembly; the Pota E. Coston Trailblazer Award, named for  
25 the first African American female commissioner elected in Fayette County, Georgia; and the  
26 Social Action Collegiate Change Agent Award, which is awarded to a student actively  
27 involved in student government association leadership or partner organizations who  
28 demonstrates the ability to create change in either the campus or community environment;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, members of this illustrious sisterhood serve as elected officials, lend support  
31 to various local communities, and lead dialogues on public policy throughout their  
32 communities; and

33 WHEREAS, members are committed to initiatives in alignment with its quadrennial theme  
34 of "joy in our sisterhood, power in our voice, and service in our heart," compelling the  
35 members to continue its legacy of social justice through civic engagement.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body commend the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for its  
38 continued commitment to public service and its work in making the State of Georgia a better  
39 place in which to live and recognize March 11, 2021, as Delta Day at the state capitol.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Delta  
42 Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.