

House Resolution 20

By: Representatives Davis of the 87th, Jackson of the 165th, Cummings of the 39th, Burnough of the 77th, Jones of the 60th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for its 112 years of service and recognizing
2 January 13, 2025, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Founders Day; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, its 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. has grown into a global sisterhood of over
14 300,000 initiated members with more than 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters across the
15 United States and internationally, including in England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands,
16 Bermuda, the Bahamas, and South Korea; and

17 WHEREAS, the sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust focuses on Economic
18 Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical
19 and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement, reflecting its enduring
20 commitment to positive social change; and

21 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. has produced trailblazers and civic leaders,
22 including civil rights icons, educators, business leaders, and public servants dedicated to
23 justice and equality; and

24 WHEREAS, distinguished members of the Georgia General Assembly who are proud
25 members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. include state representatives Viola Davis
26 (D-Stone Mountain), Rhonda Burnough (D-Riverdale), Sheila Jones (D-Atlanta), Edna
27 Jackson (D-Savannah), MeKyah McQueen (D-Smyrna), and Terry Cummings (D-Mableton),
28 each of whom exemplifies the sorority's ideals of public service and leadership; and

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30 WHEREAS, the sorority's first public act was its participation in the historic 1913 Women's
31 Suffrage March in Washington, D.C., underscoring its legacy of civic engagement and social
32 action; and

33 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. continues to advance its legacy of advocacy
34 through hosting signature events such as Delta Days at the State Capitol and by addressing
35 critical issues impacting communities across Georgia and the nation.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for its 112 years of
38 impactful service; recognize January 13, 2025, as Founders Day; and celebrate the sorority's

39 ongoing contributions toward building stronger communities through advocacy, education,
40 and leadership.

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