

House Resolution 1011

By: Representatives Davis of the 87th, Burnough of the 77th, Jackson of the 165th, Jones of the 60th, McQueen of the 61st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for 113 Years of Service and Recognizing
2 January 13, 2026, as Founders Day; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, the Founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., include Osceola Macarthy
7 Adams, Marguerite Young Alexander, Winona Cargile Alexander, Ethel Cuff Black, Bertha
8 Pitts Campbell, Zephyr Chisom Carter, Edna Brown Coleman, Jessie McGuire Dent,
9 Frederica Chase Dodd, Myra Davis Hemmings, Olive Jones, Jimmie Bugg Middleton,
10 Pauline Oberdorfer Minor, Vashti Turley Murphy, Naomi Sewell Richardson, Mamie Reddy
11 Rose, Eliza P. Shippen, Florence Letcher Toms, Ethel Carr Watson, Wertie Blackwell
12 Weaver, Madree Penn White, and Edith 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, as well as 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 Rhonda Burnough, Sheila Jones, Edna Jackson, MeKyah McQueen, and Terry Cummings,
27 each of whom exemplifies the Sorority's ideals of public service and leadership; and

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

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for 113 years of
37 impactful service, recognize January 13, 2026, as Founders Day, and celebrate the Sorority's
38 ongoing contributions toward building stronger communities through advocacy, education,
39 and leadership.

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.