

Senate Resolution 674

By: Senators Wicks of the 34th, Kemp of the 38th, Mangham of the 55th, Howard of the 35th, Jackson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for its 113 years of service and recognizing
2 February 23, 2026, as Delta Day at the State Capital; 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 CuffBlack, 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 300,000 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 more than 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the
20 United States as well as internationally, including Germany, England, Japan, the Virgin
21 Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

22 WHEREAS, the Southern Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. thrives under the
23 dynamic and visionary leadership of Soror Regional Director Amaris L. Johnson, and this
24 body extends its deepest gratitude for her tireless efforts, steadfast dedication, and
25 unwavering commitment to the empowerment of the communities she serves; and

26 WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the historic 25th anniversary of Delta Days at the Georgia
27 State Capital, celebrating a quarter-century of impactful social action, legislative advocacy,
28 and civic engagement within the State of Georgia; and

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

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

40 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta members are committed to initiatives in alignment with its
41 theme of "Solid in Our Sisterhood, Secure in Our Fight," making an impact for 113 years
42 through sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action, allowing the members to continue
43 its legacy of social justice through civic engagement.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
45 commend the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for its 113 years of continued
46 commitment to public service and its work in making the State of Georgia a better place in
47 which to live, celebrate the 25th anniversary of social action in Georgia with Delta Days at
48 the Capital , and recognize February 23, 2026, as Delta Day at the State Capital.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
50 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Delta Sigma Theta
51 Sorority Inc.