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3 By Representatives Kennedy, Hall, Moore (M), Coleman and  
4 Warren  
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8 RECOGNIZING DELTA DAY AT THE ALABAMA STATE CAPITOL  
9 ON THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011, AND COMMENDING DELTA SIGMA THETA  
10 SORORITY, INCORPORATED.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that we recognize  
13 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, on the observance of  
14 the 19th Annual Delta Day on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at the  
15 Alabama State Capitol; and

16 WHEREAS, a sisterhood founded on January 13, 1913,  
17 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University, Delta Sigma Theta  
18 Sorority now has grown to a membership of more than 250,000  
19 women, predominantly Black and college-educated, in more than  
20 960 chapters throughout the United States and abroad; and

21 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority follows a  
22 national Five Point Program: Economic Development, Educational  
23 Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical  
24 and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement;  
25 the sorority promotes academic excellence, provides  
26 scholarships, and encourages positive public policy; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is proud to recognize Delta Sigma Theta Sorority members who serve in the Alabama Legislature: Senator Linda Coleman and former Senator Sundra Escott; Representatives Laura Hall, Merika Coleman, Mary Moore, Pebblin Warren, and Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, 19th National President, who will be honored with the Inaugural Honorable Dr. Yvonne Kennedy Servant Leadership Social Action Luncheon; we also honor additional Delta Sigma Theta members: the late national Congresswomen of distinction, Shirley Chisholm, Barbara Jordan, and Stephanie Tubbs Jones; as well as Dr. Regina Benjamin, an Alabama native nominated on July 13, 2009, to serve as the United States Surgeon General, who was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on October 29, 2009; and Reverend Gwendolyn E. Boyd, 22nd National President, a native Alabamian and member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, nominee of President Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, an organization characterized by membership bonding, mutual support, and public interest, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has been of significant benefit to young women and their communities through the years; the State of Alabama is proud to recognize the organization's significant contributions to educational, civic, and social advancement; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is most highly commended on the occasion of

1 Delta Day on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at the Alabama State  
2 Capitol, and we offer this resolution for presentation to Lois  
3 Gilder, Interim Southern Regional Director, and for  
4 appropriate display, with our sincere best wishes for all  
5 future endeavors.