

1 HJR289  
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3 By Representatives Kennedy, Hall, Moore (M), Coleman and  
4 Warren  
5 RFD: Rules  
6 First Read: 05-APR-11

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

1           WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is proud to recognize  
2     Delta Sigma Theta Sorority members who serve in the Alabama  
3     Legislature: Senator Linda Coleman and former Senator Sundra  
4     Escott; Representatives Laura Hall, Merika Coleman, Mary  
5     Moore, Pebblin Warren, and Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, 19th National  
6     President, who will be honored with the Inaugural Honorable  
7     Dr. Yvonne Kennedy Servant Leadership Social Action Luncheon;  
8     we also honor additional Delta Sigma Theta members: the late  
9     national Congresswomen of distinction, Shirley Chisholm,  
10    Barbara Jordan, and Stephanie Tubbs Jones; as well as Dr.  
11    Regina Benjamin, an Alabama native nominated on July 13, 2009,  
12    to serve as the United States Surgeon General, who was  
13    unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on October  
14    29, 2009; and Reverend Gwendolyn E. Boyd, 22nd National  
15    President, a native Alabamian and member of the Board of  
16    Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in  
17    Education Foundation, nominee of President Barack Obama; and

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

25           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
26    HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
27    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.