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3 By Senators Coleman, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,
5 Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh,
6 McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,
7 Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley,
8 and Williams
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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

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.