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

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING DELTA DAY AT THE ALABAMA STATE CAPITOL  
4 ON THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011, AND COMMENDING DELTA SIGMA THETA  
5 SORORITY, INCORPORATED.

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

11 WHEREAS, a sisterhood founded on January 13, 1913,  
12 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University, Delta Sigma Theta  
13 Sorority now has grown to a membership of more than 250,000  
14 women, predominantly Black and college-educated, in more than  
15 960 chapters throughout the United States and abroad; and

16 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority follows a  
17 national Five Point Program: Economic Development, Educational  
18 Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical  
19 and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement;  
20 the sorority promotes academic excellence, provides  
21 scholarships, and encourages positive public policy; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is proud to recognize  
23 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority members who serve in the Alabama  
24 Legislature: Senator Linda Coleman and former Senator Sundra  
25 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 Delta Day on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at the Alabama State Capitol, and we offer this resolution for presentation to Lois

1           Gilder, Interim Southern Regional Director, and for  
2 appropriate display, with our sincere best wishes for all  
3 future endeavors.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 07-APR-11.

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16 Senate

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Adopted

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