

1 HJR48  
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3 By Representatives Hall, Coleman, Moore (M) and Warren  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 16-FEB-16

8 RECOGNIZING THE 24TH ANNUAL DELTA DAY AT THE ALABAMA  
9 STATE CAPITOL ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016, AND COMMENDING  
10 DELTA SIGMA THETA 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 24th Annual Delta Day on February 18, 2016, at the Alabama  
15 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 1,000 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 or served in the  
3 Alabama Legislature: Senator Linda Coleman-Madison and former  
4 Senator Sundra Escott; Representatives Laura Hall, Merika  
5 Coleman, Mary Moore, Pebblin Warren, and the late Dr. Yvonne  
6 Kennedy, who was the 19th National President; we also honor  
7 additional Delta Sigma Theta members: the late national  
8 Congresswomen of distinction, Shirley Chisholm, Barbara  
9 Jordan, and Stephanie Tubbs Jones; as well as Dr. Regina  
10 Benjamin, an Alabama native who served as the United States  
11 Surgeon General, and Dr. Gwendolyn E. Boyd, 22nd National  
12 President, a native Alabamian of great accomplishment who has  
13 returned to her birthplace as the President of Alabama State  
14 University; and

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

22                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
24 Incorporated, is most highly commended on the occasion of  
25 Delta Day on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at the Alabama State  
26 Capitol, and we offer this resolution for presentation to  
27 Cheryl W. Turner, Southern Regional Director, and for

1 appropriate display, with our sincere best wishes for all  
2 future endeavors.