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4 HR_____ RECOGNIZING THE FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION OF THE
5 MONTGOMERY ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY,
6 INCORPORATED, AND HONORING INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT CHERYL W.
7 TURNER.

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9 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to recognize the
10 Montgomery Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
11 Incorporated, as its members celebrate Founders Day on
12 February 28, 2026; the special guest speaker will be Cheryl
13 W. Turner, International President and Chair of the Board of
14 Directors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

15 WHEREAS, Cheryl W. Turner was elected to the highest
16 position within the sorority in Washington, D.C., on July
17 12, 2025; before the election to her current position, the
18 Jackson, Mississippi, native represented the organization as
19 the National First Vice President from 2023 to 2025; in this
20 position, she provided oversight for the establishment and
21 enforcement of policies and procedures as Chair of the
22 Sorority's National Scholarship and Standards Committee; and

23 WHEREAS, Cheryl served two terms as the Southern
24 Regional Director of the sorority from 2011 to 2016; she was
25 the first and only Mississippian to be elected to this
position since the inception of the Regional Conferences in
1926; she was responsible for overseeing and managing 215
established chapters and 25,000 active members in the

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29 sorority's largest region; she has served in various local,
30 state, and regional positions; and

31 WHEREAS, Ms. Turner is a Diamond Life Member of the
32 sorority and was initiated through the Lambda Sigma Chapter
33 at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss); she later
34 maintained active membership through the Tupelo Alumnae,
35 Oxford Alumnae, and now Jackson Alumnae Chapters; and

36 WHEREAS, Cheryl retired from her career as a State of
37 Mississippi employee with over 30 years of state government
38 health care senior-level administrative and managerial
39 experience that includes managing more than 200 direct and
40 indirect reports and the oversight of an annual budget of
41 \$5,000,000; she returned to the workforce in 2017 as Vice
42 President of Client Acquisition and Development with
43 Jefferson Stevens, LLC; and

44 WHEREAS, she is active in her community and
45 contributes her expertise by serving on and holding
46 leadership positions on various boards; she is a member of
47 Farish Street Baptist Church in Jackson; she is a mother to
48 one son and has two grandchildren; now therefore,

49 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
50 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize the
51 Founders Day celebration of the Montgomery Alumnae Chapter
52 of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and honor its
53 esteemed speaker and International President, Cheryl W.
54 Turner, and we extend our best wishes for a successful and
55 enjoyable event.