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3 By Representatives Moore (M), Hall, Warren, Drummond

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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, Incorporated; and

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

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Turner previously served two terms as  
24 Southern Regional Director from 2011 to 2016 and was the  
25 first and only Mississippian elected to this position since  
the inception of the Regional Conferences in 1926; in this  
capacity, she oversaw 215 established chapters and  
approximately 25,000 active members in the sorority's

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29 largest region, demonstrating exceptional leadership,  
30 administrative oversight, and organizational management; 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 has  
34 maintained active membership through the Tupelo Alumnae,  
35 Oxford Alumnae, and Jackson Alumnae Chapters, exemplifying a  
36 lifelong commitment to sisterhood and service; and

37 WHEREAS, Ms. Turner retired from her distinguished  
38 career as a State of Mississippi employee with more than 30  
39 years of senior-level administrative and managerial  
40 experience in state government health care, including  
41 supervision of more than 200 direct and indirect reports and  
42 oversight of an annual budget of \$5,000,000; and

43 WHEREAS, her extensive experience in strategic  
44 planning, fiscal management, compliance, and personnel  
45 leadership directly strengthens the sorority's  
46 mission-driven initiatives and organizational governance;  
47 and she returned to the workforce in 2017 as Vice President  
48 of Client Acquisition and Development with Jefferson  
49 Stevens, LLC, where she continues to apply her expertise in  
50 leadership development and organizational growth; and

51 WHEREAS, Ms. Turner remains actively engaged in her  
52 community by serving in leadership roles on various boards  
53 and contributing her professional expertise to civic and  
54 faith-based organizations; she is a member of Farish Street  
55 Baptist Church in Jackson, is the proud mother of one son,  
56 and is blessed with two grandchildren; now therefore,

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57           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
58   LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize the  
59   Founders Day celebration of the Montgomery Alumnae Chapter  
60   of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, honor its  
61   esteemed speaker and International President, Cheryl W.  
62   Turner, and extend our sincere best wishes for a successful  
63   and memorable event.