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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the Delta Sigma Theta
4 Sorority on Delta Day 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was
6 founded by 22 illustrious college-educated young women on the
7 campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in January 1913
8 and is celebrating its 106th anniversary; and

9 WHEREAS, Shortly after the founding of Delta Sigma Theta
10 Sorority, the 22 young women participated in the Women's
11 Suffrage March and demanded rights for women, including the
12 right to vote, which transformed the role of women in the
13 democratic process; and

14 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an
15 organization of college-educated women committed to the
16 constructive development of its members through public service
17 with a primary focus on the black community; and

18 WHEREAS, The sorority's programs are implemented through
19 its Five Point Programmatic Thrust, which includes economic
20 development, educational development, physical and mental
21 health, political awareness and involvement, and international

1 awareness and involvement; and

2 WHEREAS, Members of the sorority are accomplished
3 corporate, civic, and public officials and acclaimed scholars;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta has a membership of more than
6 200,000 college-educated women in more than 1020 chapters
7 worldwide, of which 20 chapters are located in the State of
8 Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1989, the National Social Action Commission
10 instituted Delta Days in the Nation's Capital as an annual
11 legislative conference to increase member involvement in the
12 public policy-making process; and

13 WHEREAS, Delta Day at the Illinois State Capitol has
14 occurred on an annual basis with members from across the State
15 in attendance; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we recognize the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on Delta Day 2019
19 and its theme of "A Community Silenced: STAND and BE COUNTED,
20 Census 2020"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Delta Sigma Theta as a symbol of our respect and
3 esteem.