

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Tuesday, May 19, 2015, as the thirty-first annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, May 19, 2015, as the thirty-first annual Red and White Day at the
3 Louisiana Legislature.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
5 for its outstanding achievements and generous community service for one hundred two years
6 and to recognize Tuesday, May 19, 2015, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's Red
7 and White Day at the Louisiana Legislature; and

8 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Social Action Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
9 Incorporated, would like to acknowledge the vision of Red and White Day at the Louisiana
10 Legislature that began in 1985 and has resulted in Red and White Day growing from a
11 Louisiana tradition, to one observed by many of the sorority's thousands of chapters
12 throughout the country and held annually at the nation's capital in Washington D.C.; and

13 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on January 13, 1913, by
14 twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University who were eager to use their collective
15 strength to promote academic excellence, to provide scholarships and support to those in
16 need, to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy,
17 and to highlight issues and find solutions to problems in their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority exercises its collective strength to promote
19 academic excellence and to provide assistance to the community; and

1 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was incorporated in 1930 and is a private,
2 nonprofit organization that provides assistance and support through established programs
3 in local communities and throughout the world; and

4 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is the largest African
5 American Greek letter sorority, a sisterhood of more than two hundred thousand
6 predominately African American college educated women, comprised of more than nine
7 hundred chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands,
8 Bermuda, Haiti, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

9 WHEREAS, the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, stand on the
10 shoulders of giants such as former state representatives Renee Gill Pratt, Rosalind Peychaud,
11 Jalila Jefferson Bullock, and the late Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson, Senator Karen Carter
12 Peterson, and former state senators Diana E. Bajoie and Cheryl Gray Evans who have left
13 an incredible imprint on this state's history; and

14 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, uses its Five-Point Program;
15 Thrust of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and
16 Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement to
17 uplift, encourage, and develop the global community; and

18 WHEREAS, the organizational structure and governance of Delta Sigma Theta
19 Sorority, Incorporated, is invested in the Grand Chapter, which meets at a biennial national
20 convention, and regional conferences are held in the seven geographic regions of the
21 organization during nonconvention years; and

22 WHEREAS, the success of the public service programs of Delta Sigma Theta
23 Sorority, Incorporated, has depended upon its commitment to community service and
24 academic achievement as well as its quest for excellence in all endeavors.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
26 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 19, 2015, as Delta Sigma
27 Theta Sorority, Incorporated's thirty-first annual Red and White Day at the Louisiana
28 Legislature; does hereby commend the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
29 for their exceptional achievements and manifold contributions; and does hereby extend
30 enduring appreciation to the organization and its members for the tremendous pride and

1 honor that they bring to their local communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States
2 of America.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to the president of the Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and to
5 the regional director for the Southwest Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

DIGEST

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Recognizes Tuesday, May 19, 2015, as the 31st annual Red and White Day at the La. Legislature, and commends the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.