

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 218

Reps. Brenda Carter, Garza, Love, Shannon, Sowerby, Stone and Yancey offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 16, 2020, as Delta Sigma Theta
2 Sorority, Incorporated, Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, not-
4 for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and
5 support through established programs in local communities
6 throughout the world. The organization is a sisterhood of
7 predominantly black, college-educated women; and

8 Whereas, On January 13, 2020, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
9 celebrated 107 years of thoughtful service to and conscientious
10 leadership in communities throughout the United States and the



1 world in diverse fields relating to public service and the
2 organization's five-point programmatic thrust: economic
3 development, educational development, international awareness and
4 involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness
5 and involvement; and

6 Whereas, On January 13, 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
7 was founded at Howard University in the District of Columbia by:
8 Osceola Macarthy Adams, Marguerite Young Alexander, Winona Cargile
9 Alexander, Ethel Cuff Black, Bertha Pitts Campbell, Zephyr Chisom
10 Carter, Edna Brown Coleman, Jessie McGuire Dent, Frederica Chase
11 Dodd, Myra Davis Hemmings, Olive Jones, Jimmie Bugg Middleton,
12 Pauline Oberdorfer Minor, Vashti Turley Murphy, Naomi Sewell
13 Richardson, Mamie Reddy Rose, Eliza Pearl Shippen, Florence Letcher
14 Toms, Ethel Carr Watson, Wertie Blackwell Weaver, Madree Penn White
15 and Edith Motte Young; and

16 Whereas, In March 1913, the founders of Delta Sigma Theta
17 Sorority, Inc. participated in the Women's Suffrage March in the
18 District of Columbia, the sorority's first public act; and

19 Whereas, Since its founding, more than 200,000 women have
20 joined the organization. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has
21 twenty seven chapters in Michigan: Pontiac Alumnae, Zeta Rho, Theta
22 Theta, Tau Psi, Tau, Southfield Alumnae, Saginaw Alumnae, Rho Mu,
23 Omicron Zeta, Nu, Muskegon Heights Alumnae, Mu Phi, Midland
24 Alumnae, Lansing Alumnae, Lambda Pi, Kalamazoo Alumnae, Inkster
25 Alumnae, Grand Rapids Alumnae, Flint Alumnae, Epsilon Epsilon,
26 Detroit Alumnae, Delta Upsilon, Delta Psi, Delta Beta, Denton
27 Harbor-St. Joe Alumnae, Battle Creek Alumnae, and Ann Arbor
28 Alumnae. There are a total of 1,000 chapters located in the United
29 States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the

1 Bahamas and South Korea; now, therefore, be it

2 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
3 this legislative body declare January 16, 2020, as Delta Sigma
4 Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Day in the state of Michigan. We
5 recognize the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for their
6 outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation and
7 the international community, and for their promotion of sisterhood,
8 scholarship, and service.