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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO HONOR DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC., FOR ITS
10 ROLE IN THE 1913 WOMAN SUFFRAGE PROCESSION AND THE
11 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MARCH, AND ITS ADVOCACY FOR
12 THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN.

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15 **Subtitle**

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20 THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN.

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22 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was founded in 1913 by
23 twenty-two (22) women at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

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25 WHEREAS, the founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., established
26 the sorority in order to address issues such as public service, women's
27 advancement, and social activism; and

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29 WHEREAS, today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is one of four (4)
30 college sororities for African American women, and is the largest African
31 American Greek-letter sorority in the world; and

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33 WHEREAS, since its founding, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has had
34 more than three hundred fifty thousand (350,000) women members of all racial
35 and ethnic backgrounds; and

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1 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., currently has over one
2 thousand (1,000) collegiate and alumnae chapters located across the world;
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5 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s community service and
6 social and philanthropic projects revolve around the "Five-Point Programmatic
7 Thrust" which encompasses economic development, educational development,
8 international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and
9 political awareness and involvement; and
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11 WHEREAS, on March 3, 1913, the newly founded Delta Sigma Theta
12 Sorority, Inc., performed its first public act of service by marching in cap
13 and gown in the Woman Suffrage Procession down Pennsylvania Avenue in
14 Washington, D.C., despite opposition by some to the presence of African
15 American women in the parade; and
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17 WHEREAS, the 1913 Woman Suffrage Procession became one of the pivotal
18 events helping to solidify the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the
19 United States Constitution seven (7) years later, which gave women the right
20 to vote; and
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22 WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 3, 2013, several thousand members of Delta
23 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., commemorated the one hundredth anniversary of the
24 1913 Woman Suffrage Procession and the role the organization's founders
25 played by recreating the original five-thousand-person march down
26 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.,
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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
30 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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32 THAT the House of Representatives honor Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
33 Inc., for its role in the Woman Suffrage Procession and the centennial
34 celebration march, and its advocacy for the advancement of women.
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be

1 provided to the leaders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., by the Chief
2 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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