**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE RICHLAND COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED FOR TWENTY‑FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, TO WISH ITS MEMBERS MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO DESIGNATE APRIL 24TH AS RICHLAND COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER, DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED DAY.

Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University by twenty‑two collegiate women with exceptional vision. The sisterhood of predominantly Black, college‑educated women now boasts more than two hundred fifty thousand members with more than nine hundred chapters in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea; and

Whereas, following in their Founders’ footsteps with a commitment to sisterhood, scholarship, and service, in 1994, forty‑four phenomenal women took a leap of faith and chartered the Richland County Alumnae (RCA) Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. The chapter has spent the last twenty‑five years dedicating itself to the Sorority’s Five‑Point Programmatic Trust ‑ Educational Development, Economic Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

Whereas, since its establishment, RCA has awarded more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars in scholarships to deserving high school and college students and is set to award an additional twenty thousand dollars in scholarships for 2019; and

Whereas, a Sorority rooted in service and serving as champions for social justice, RCA has been at the forefront of social action in the Midlands through its voter registration drives, political action and voter education forums, annual participation in Delta Days at the State Capital, and continuous dialogue with elected officials, all aimed at serving the citizens of South Carolina; and

Whereas, with Delta women serving as elected officials in both chambers of the South Carolina General Assembly, and with the contributions of Delta women serving as elected officials throughout the State of South Carolina, a history of outstanding service in the Palmetto State has been both broad and deep; and

Whereas, now more than two hundred twenty members strong, the Richland County Alumnae Chapter continues to represent “A Sisterhood Answering the Call to Serve: Transforming Lives and Impacting Communities”; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that members of the South Carolina General Assembly congratulate the Richland County Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated on the occasion of its Silver Anniversary and exceptional legacy of public service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly commend the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for twenty‑five years of outstanding public service to the community and wish its members many years of continued growth and development;

Be it further resolved that the South Carolina General Assembly designate April 24, 2019, as Richland County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Day in South Carolina.

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