

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 214

Rep. Yancey offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 13, 2022, 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, 2022, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
9 celebrated 109 years of thoughtful service to and conscientious
10 leadership in communities throughout the United States and the
11 world in diverse fields relating to public service and the
12 organization's five-point programmatic thrust: economic

1 development, educational development, international awareness and
2 involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness
3 and involvement; and

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

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

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

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

1 this legislative body declare January 13, 2021, as Delta Sigma
2 Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Day in the state of Michigan. We
3 recognize the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for their
4 outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation and
5 the international community, and for their promotion of sisterhood,
6 scholarship, and service.