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5 By: Senators B. Walker, B. Lewellen, Edwards
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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 "RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS CHAPTERS OF
10 DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED"

11 **Subtitle**

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13 "RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE ARKANSAS
14 CHAPTERS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY,
15 INCORPORATED. "
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18 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a public service
19 organization whose purpose is to provide services and programs to promote
20 human well-being; and

21 WHEREAS, the sorority's membership provides an extensive array of public
22 services through its Five-Point Program Thrust: Economic Development,
23 Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and
24 Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

25 WHEREAS, one of the major current national programs is "Summit V: Health
26 and Healing," which is an effort to raise awareness of clinical depression as
27 an illness that affects African-American women at a rate two times greater
28 than all men; and

29 WHEREAS, "The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy", another of the
30 sorority's signature programs which provides an opportunity for local chapters
31 to collaborate with or work independently on an educational program for at-
32 risk African-American girls between the ages of 11 and 14; and

33 WHEREAS, the sorority enjoys a leadership position because of its
34 efforts to conduct a nationwide initiative, "School America", which is a family
35 reading program where the focus is to have one story read each week to a child
36 between the ages one through ten; and

1 WHEREAS, the sorority annually awards many scholarships in recognition
2 of and to promote academic excellence; and

3 WHEREAS, the sorority continues to study the needs of all human beings
4 and implements various other programs and services to help ensure the welfare
5 of human beings; and

6 WHEREAS, the twenty-three chapters of the sorority in the State of
7 Arkansas have collaborated or worked independently in the various counties of
8 the state to insure that the people of Arkansas are also beneficiaries of the
9 sorority's Five-Point Thrust Programs.

10 NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
12 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14 That the Senate recognizes and commends the twenty-three Arkansas chapters of
15 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.