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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION celebrating the 70th anniversary
2 of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., South Bend Chapter.

3 *Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated, was founded*
4 *nationally on January 13, 1913, on the campus of Howard*
5 *University by 22 young women who had a calling to make a*
6 *difference, particularly in the Black community;*

7 *Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a private,*
8 *not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide*
9 *assistance and support through established programs in local*
10 *communities worldwide. The sorority currently has over 1,000*
11 *collegiate and alumnae chapters located in over 11 countries;*

12 *Whereas, The South Bend Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma*
13 *Theta Sorority, Inc., was the first Black Greek letter*
14 *organization in the Michiana area. It was initially chartered as*

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1 *the Epsilon Mu Sigma chapter on December 3, 1955, at the*
 2 *historic LaSalle Hotel in South Bend by nine women who were*
 3 *part of a local group called the Sorors Club;*

4 *Whereas, The Sorors Club was known for its successes in*
 5 *community service, education, and social endeavors and its*
 6 *members were enthusiastic and steadfast about continuing that*
 7 *work while serving the South Bend community;*

8 *Whereas, The charter members of Epsilon Mu Sigma (now*
 9 *known as the South Bend Alumnae Chapter) were Kitty*
 10 *Bowden-Smith, Joyce Brown-Stith (President), June*
 11 *Brown-Locke (Treasurer), Audrey Elliott-Vagner (Secretary),*
 12 *Peggy Flowers-Eskridge, Theresa Harrison-Ashe, Goldie Ivory,*
 13 *Frances Poindexter-Dixon, and Marjorie Willis-Dowdell (Vice*
 14 *President; and*

15 *Whereas, Over the last 70 years, the South Bend Alumnae*
 16 *Chapter has significantly impacted the Michiana community by*
 17 *raising and distributing thousands of dollars in scholarship*
 18 *funds for young women to attend college, conducting*
 19 *symposiums on addiction, Black maternal and infant health,*
 20 *and breast cancer, hosting "Get Out the Vote" drives, and*
 21 *organizing numerous health fairs to provide free flu and*
 22 *COVID-19 vaccine shots: Therefore,*

23 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
 24 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

25 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
 26 celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Delta Sigma Theta
 27 Sorority, Inc., South Bend Chapter.

28 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
 29 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
 30 Representative Maureen Bauer for distribution.

