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Commending the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Patrons—Barker, Boysko, Favola and Howell; Delegates: Murphy, Subramanyam and Watts

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a distinguished chapter of one of the nation's leading historically Black sororities, will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was formed in 1992 by Darlene Faltz, Carol Bradley, Sue Briggs, Arlene Donnelly, Robin Flannagan, Linda Kemp, and Susan Wallace and has grown over the years to count 165 members on its rolls today; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority received its charter on May 23, 1993, from former South Atlantic regional director Sharon Reed, former regional secretary Roberta Duff, and former regional representative Alicia Smith; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are to develop innovative programs, develop partnerships with key stakeholders, and positively impact local, regional, national, and international communities; and

WHEREAS, the principles of the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are to endow a legacy of leadership and service, develop creative outreach and instruction, and develop corporate and community partnerships; to pursue education, economic welfare, and political and civil rights reform; and to focus on support programs for underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority provides scholarship opportunities for Fairfax County high school students and supports the local community with clothing drives, educational programs, and healthy living events; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is an integral part of what makes Fairfax County a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's legacy of service and its contributions to the Commonwealth.