

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 863

Commending the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 2, 2025

WHEREAS, for 45 years, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has been a dynamic force in the local community, consistently making impactful contributions; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., founded on January 13, 1913, by 22 courageous and determined women, has been a leading force in advocating for social justice, civil rights, and the advancement of African American women; the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of the sorority was founded in 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has dedicated itself to public service through the embodiment of its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust—Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has a variety of programs designed to help individuals in the community, including programs on economic development, support for schools, civic awareness and involvement, social outreach, and physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has empowered numerous young individuals to pursue higher education through the award of both the Carrie Hill Tatum Memorial and the Audrey Jones Legacy Scholarships to college-bound high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has played a pivotal role in mentoring young women in the community through the Delta Academy and Delta GEMS programs, fostering their social, physical, and emotional development; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., addresses the challenges faced by African American males through its EMBODI program, providing guidance on college readiness, goal setting, financial literacy, interviewing skills, and essential life skills; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has long been at the forefront of social action, advocating for justice, equality, and the empowerment of marginalized communities, and has consistently demonstrated a profound commitment to addressing pressing social issues through activism, policy change, and grassroots initiatives; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has been unwavering in its commitment to public service, community engagement, social action, the empowerment of women, and the pursuit of justice, equity, and peace, diligently working to make a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of those it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., hereby be commended on the occasion of its 45th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' deep admiration for the organization's lasting legacy of contributions to the Fredericksburg community and the Commonwealth.

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