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## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 603**

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*Commending the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*

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WHEREAS, the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was the first chapter chartered in the Commonwealth of Virginia on September 1, 1929, as Mu Sigma; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter has been a beacon of scholarship, service, sisterhood, and social action and has demonstrated unwavering commitment to economic empowerment through annual financial seminars and entrepreneurial workshops; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter has awarded more than \$915,000 in college scholarships to Norfolk students over its 95-year history, demonstrating its dedication to education; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter has extended its benevolence beyond domestic borders, supporting international outreach efforts in Africa and Haiti, thereby fostering goodwill for Norfolk and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter has shown steadfast commitment to the physical and mental welfare of the community by providing meaningful programs that address stigma and social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter has played a pivotal role in fostering political consciousness and participation; the chapter has been actively involved in annual voter education initiatives, the reinstatement of voter rights, programs to register underrepresented groups to vote, and advocacy events like Delta Day at the Virginia General Assembly; and

WHÉREAS, the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter has served with excellence, integrity, and resilience, inspiring generations of women to strive for greatness and make meaningful contributions to society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., hereby be commended on the occasion of its 95th anniversary of service, leadership, and sisterhood; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the chapter's profound impact on the lives of people throughout Norfolk and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Norfolk and the Commonwealth and best wishes for continued success and growth in years to come.