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Resolution congratulating Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on 100 years of service.

WHEREAS,

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

celebrated 100 years of scholarship, service and sisterhood during 2013; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was established on January 13, 1913 at Howard University by 22 female students, with a goal of providing support through established programs in communities throughout the world, this group of women strived to promote academic excellence, provide scholarships, support the underserved, to educate and push for action in the creation of positive public policy and provide solutions for problems within their communities; and

WHEREAS, Today Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has a sisterhood of 200,000 women worldwide, over 900 chapters throughout the United States, England, Germany, Japan, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea, and their major programs include economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health and political awareness and involvement; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc's Milwaukee Alumnae chapter has worked throughout the years to better the local community, they have participated in and raised thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Societies Relay for Life throughout the past 11 years, they have sponsored the annual Women's Day since 1996 and in 2012, the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter conducted Voter Education, Registration, and Mobilization Drives within the community; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has also partnered with Sisters Network, Inc. and Aurora Hospital during Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter mentors girls and boys through its Delta Academy, Delta Gems and Delta EMBODI programs and their latest involvement was with the St. Jude Children's Hospital 5K walk to raise money to help fund research to find cures for children suffering from serious illnesses and Delta Sigma Theta is a truly valued member of the Milwaukee community, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on its 100th year of service, thanks it for its positive impact on the community and wishes for it continued success; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Introduced by Common Council members Willie L. Hines, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Willie C. Wade, Joe Davis, Sr., José G. Pérez and Nik Kovac and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 17, 2013.