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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Westchester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority upon the occasion of celebrating its more than 50 years of public service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Westchester Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority upon the occasion of celebrating its more than 50 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was chartered on October 31, 1959; and

WHEREAS, For more than 50 years, the Westchester Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has upheld the sorority's tradition of public service to the community through programs that initiate social change, encourage academic excellence and elevate cultural awareness, based on the organization's five point programmatic thrust: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority recognizes the quality social, political, educational, and arts programs in the demographically diverse Westchester County, New York; perpetuates the charter members' vision by creating, developing, and executing innovative, timely and relevant programs that benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, Historically, the Westchester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has implanted innovative programs that have become national sorority initiatives; it was the first chapter to host first weekend screenings of feature films made by and about people of African descent; it annually holds a "Toast to Spring" scholarship brunch; and

its members are active participants at the sorority's regional and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Westchester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta is an award winning chapter, it won the Eastern Region Chapter of the Year Award (2007) and earned national recognition with the National Council of Negro Women Mary McLeod Bethune Award (2006); and

WHEREAS, In addition, the local and international activism efforts of the Westchester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta have received acclaim; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of nearly 200, the Westchester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta under the leadership of its President, Margaret Bing-Wade, continues its commitment to developing and implementing quality, ground breaking programs that effectively meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Westchester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to organizations such as the Westchester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, which serve to bring people together for the united purpose of actively pursuing improvements in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Westchester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority upon the occasion of celebrating its more than 50 years of public service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Westchester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.