

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 330**  
**FRANKIE MUSE FREEMAN**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on February 8, 2008, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will honor Frankie Muse Freeman as the 14<sup>th</sup> National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority from 1967-1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Frankie Muse Freeman (Soror Freeman) was elected the fourteenth National President of Delta Sigma Theta at its 29th National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio in August 1967. Before being elected National President, she had served as National First Vice-President; and

**WHEREAS**, in her biography, *A Song of Faith and Hope*, Soror Freeman noted that the Cincinnati convention had a number of highlights; a commendation for Delta's Teen-Lift program from Vice-President Hubert Humphrey and a call to action by Texas state senator Barbara Jordan to join in helping to eliminate racism; and

**WHEREAS**, one of Soror Freeman's goals as president was to have every Delta become more involved in government at all levels, a goal based on her belief that every individual should be involved in social action and to personally let legislators know what laws they wanted enacted; and

**WHEREAS**, at the Baltimore convention, Delta's largest convention since the first, Soror Freeman was elected to a second two-year term. It was at that convention that she called for Deltas to push for enforcement of legislation that impacted civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Soror Freeman wrote a supplementary statement, in her position as the lone woman on the US Commission on Civil Rights (1967), to the "Racial Isolation in the Public Schools" report. That statement, in which she wrote, "For we are now on a collision course which may produce within our borders two alienated and unequal nations confronting each other across a widening gulf created by a dual educational system based upon income and race" was the impetus for her call to convention in Baltimore; and

**WHEREAS**, Soror Freeman was wife to Shelby T. Freeman, Jr. and is mother to Shelby Patricia. During her presidency, she was Associate General Counsel of the St. Louis Housing and Land Clearance Authorities and served on the Board of Directors of the National Council of Negro Women. She has also held memberships in the St. Louis Branch NAACP, YWCA of Metropolitan St. Louis, League of Women Voters, American and National Bar Associations and the Mound City Bar Association

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Frankie Muse Freeman on the occasion of her recognition as the 14<sup>th</sup> National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and we wish her continued peace, achievement and success and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of February, 2008 by:  
Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward  
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 8th day of February, 2008 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen