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## **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Congratulates Member, Charlene Honeywell, On Federal District Court Nomination**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. extends congratulations to member Charlene Honeywell on her recent Federal District Court nomination. The 96-year-old public service Sorority is the single largest African-American women’s organization in the country.

President Obama nominated Honeywell on June 25 to serve on the Federal District Court Bench for the Middle District of Florida. Honeywell currently serves as a circuit court judge for the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Florida. She was appointed to that position by Gov. Jeb Bush in 2000.

“On behalf of the members of Delta Sigma Theta around the world, I congratulate Soror Charlene Honeywell on receiving this prestigious nomination,” said Butler-McIntyre. “Her legal work continues to build upon the legacy of Frankie Freeman, Barbara Jordan, Juanita Kidd Stout and other phenomenal legal minds of Delta Sigma Theta. Soror Honeywell is an accomplished jurist and distinguished American. I am certain that she will serve the Middle District of Florida in the most honorable and competent fashion.”

Honeywell graduated from Howard University cum laude in May 1979 and from the University of Florida’s College of Law in December 1981. From 1982 to 1985, she served in the Tallahassee Public Defender’s Office and then spent two years as an assistant public defender in the Tampa Public Defender’s Office. From 1987 to 1994, she worked as an assistant city attorney for the City of Tampa and then spent six years at the Tampa law firm Hill, Ward & Henderson. In 1994, Honeywell served as a county court judge for the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in Florida. She has also served a four year term on the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission.

Honeywell has been a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for over thirty years and is currently a member of the Tampa Alumnae Chapter in Tampa, Florida.

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*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. Today Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has members in more than 900 chapters worldwide. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national programs.*

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