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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority mourns beloved and devoted member, Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones

WASHINGTON—Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., mourns the loss of Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones. Soror Stephanie Tubbs Jones was the only member of Delta Sigma Theta currently in the United States Congress. She was a powerful representative for her constituents, her Sorority and all of humankind. Soror Tubbs Jones was full of vigor and always worked tirelessly to effect change at all levels of government.

Throughout her career Soror Tubbs Jones accomplished a long list of firsts. She was the first African-American woman elected to the United States House of Representatives from Ohio and to chair the House Ethics Committee. Soror Tubbs Jones was the first African-American and the first woman to serve as the Cuyahoga County, Ohio prosecutor. She was also the first African-American woman to sit on the Common Pleas bench in the State of Ohio.

Soror Tubbs Jones was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in 1982 through the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter. She was an active member of the Sorority's National Social Action Commission and was a very responsive resource to the Sorority on governmental issues and affairs. She is one of few to have graced the cover of Delta Sigma Theta's official publication, *The Delta Journal*, where she is captured delivering a speech at a rally to end violence and discrimination against girls and women. The rally was held at Howard University during the Sorority's annual legislative conference. In recognition of Soror Tubbs Jones' many achievements and contributions, the Sorority awarded her the prestigious Patricia Roberts Harris Medallion for Excellence in Government Service Award in 2004 at its National Convention.

"A passionate leader, with a vibrant personality, Soror Tubbs Jones will be missed as a mother, friend, get-it-done legislator, activist and beloved sister in Delta Sigma Theta," said Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre, National President of Delta Sigma Theta. "We join the nation in mourning the loss of this phenomenal woman. Her legacy will inspire us to work toward effecting change with the enthusiasm and devotion that Soror Stephanie embodied."

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 over 200,000 members and over 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.