



DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

A Service Sorority Founded in 1913

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My Dear Sorors,

Last Thursday I was blessed to be present and experience the ceremonial swearing-in of the history-making 55 members of the 2019 Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), the largest ever since the founding of the CBC in 1971 with a core of 13 elected “freedom fighters.” There are nine new members of the CBC this year along with more than 100 women now in Congress representing all ethnicities and backgrounds.

As members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. we can boast the “sensational six” record-breaking number of Deltas sitting at that table:

- Marcia Fudge of Ohio
- Joyce Beatty of Ohio
- Yvette Clarke of New York
- Val Demings of Florida
- Brenda Lawrence of Michigan
- Lucy McBath of Georgia (our newest Delta in the House)

But our impact did not stop there - we had 167 Deltas run for office representing all seven of our regions. Of that 167, 119 or 71 percent, won their elections! Every region had at least one political position win and we won on every level from the school board, to city county, to circuit court judge, and a new United States congresswoman!

Please know that each soror who ran for office was sent a personal letter of congratulations or encouragement from our sisterhood - because that’s what we do!

Join me in congratulating our sorors who won their place in Social Action history and offer a heartfelt thanks and encouragement to those sorors who took that step as role models for all of us as they continue their journey using the power of their voice.

Yours in the bond of sisterhood,

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