

By Senators Wilson and Dawson

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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority, Inc.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was founded
at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908, and

WHEREAS, this Greek letter organization is the first
sorority established by African-American college women, and

WHEREAS, this sorority is an international organization
with approximately 250,000 members in over 900 chapters
extending across the United States, the Bahamas, Bermuda,
Great Britain, Germany, Korea, and the Virgin Islands, and

WHEREAS, many of these chapters are located in
communities and on college and university campuses in the
State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is committed
to community service and has made numerous contributions to
the educational, civic, and social lives of Florida's
citizens, and

WHEREAS, Linda White of Chicago, Illinois, is the
National President of this great sisterhood and leads the
250,000 women of this organization in the current
international program, "The SPIRIT of AKA," the acronym and
concept for Sisterhood, Service, Partnership, Innovation,
Respect, Involvement, and Technology, and

WHEREAS, Irene McCollom is the South Atlantic Regional
Director of this great sisterhood and leads members of the
sorority in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, Geraline Gilyard-Ingraham, an outstanding
Floridian, is the president of the largest chapter in Florida,
Gamma Zeta Omega, located in Miami, and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Frederica S. Wilson, a past South
2 Atlantic Regional Director, and Senator Mandy Dawson are
3 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and

4 WHEREAS, members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in
5 the State of Florida contribute thousands of volunteer hours
6 implementing service programs in their respective communities,
7 NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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11 That the members of the Florida Senate recognize the
12 commitment of members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to
13 community service and express special appreciation for their
14 service in the State of Florida.