

By Senators Wilson and Dawson

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Senate Resolution

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, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., will be a
century old January 2008, thereby earning the designation as
"Centennial," and

WHEREAS, this sorority is an international organization
that has approximately 250,000 members in more than 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
residents, and

WHEREAS, Barbara McKinzie of Chicago, Illinois, is the
Centennial International 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, Ella Springs Jones is the Centennial South
Atlantic Regional Director of this great sisterhood and leads

1 members of the sorority in Florida, Georgia, and South
2 Carolina, and

3 WHEREAS, the largest chapter in Florida is Gamma Zeta
4 Omega, located in Miami, and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Frederica S. Wilson, a past South
6 Atlantic Regional Director, and Senator Mandy Dawson are
7 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and

8 WHEREAS, members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in
9 the State of Florida contribute thousands of volunteer hours
10 implementing service programs in their respective communities,
11 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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15 That the members of the Florida Senate recognize the
16 commitment of members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to
17 community service and express special appreciation for their
18 service in the State of Florida.

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