

By Senator Wilson

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

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30 WHEREAS, the largest chapter in Florida is Gamma Zeta Omega,
31 located in Miami, and

32 WHEREAS, Senator Frederica S. Wilson, a past South Atlantic
33 Regional Director, and Senator Mandy Dawson are members of Alpha
34 Kappa Alpha Sorority, and

35 WHEREAS, members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in the
36 State of Florida contribute thousands of volunteer hours
37 implementing service programs in their respective communities,
38 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That the members of the Florida Senate recognize the
43 commitment of members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to
44 community service and express special appreciation for their
45 service in the State of Florida.