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House 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

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29 | members of the sorority in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina,
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31 | WHEREAS, the largest chapter in Florida is Gamma Zeta
32 | Omega, located in Miami, and

33 | WHEREAS, Representative Geraldine F. Thompson and
34 | Representative Jennifer Carroll are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha
35 | Sorority, Inc., and

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

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41 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
42 | Florida:

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44 | That the members of the Florida House of Representatives
45 | recognize the commitment of members of Alpha Kappa Alpha
46 | Sorority, Inc., to community service and express special
47 | appreciation for their service in the State of Florida.