

By Senator Wilson

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
3 Inc.

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

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

9 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was a century  
10 old January 2008, thereby earning the designation as  
11 "Centennial," and

12 WHEREAS, this sorority is an international organization  
13 that has approximately 250,000 members in more than 900 chapters  
14 extending across the United States, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Great  
15 Britain, Germany, Korea, and the Virgin Islands, and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Barbara McKinzie of Chicago, Illinois, is the  
23 Centennial International President of this great sisterhood and  
24 leads the 250,000 women of this organization in the current  
25 international program, "The SPIRIT of AKA," the acronym and  
26 concept for Sisterhood, Service, Partnership, Innovation,  
27 Respect, Involvement, and Technology, and

28 WHEREAS, Ella Springs Jones is the Centennial South  
29 Atlantic Regional Director of this great sisterhood and leads

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

32 WHEREAS, the largest chapter in Florida is Gamma Zeta  
33 Omega, located in Miami, and

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

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

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

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