

By Senator Joyner

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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-lettered organization is the first
sorority established by African American college women, and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is an
international organization with many chapters located in
communities and on college and university campuses in 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 Floridians, and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., continues its
support of the international program "Empowering our Communities
with Global Leadership through Timeless Service," and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is making an
impact on the lives of 10,000 girls in grades 6 through 8,
enabling them to receive leadership training, develop civic
responsibility, embrace good character traits, and obtain
enhanced academic skills and the skills necessary to make wise
choices as future leaders through the Emerging Young Leaders
Program, and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has become a
partner with several advocacy groups, including Heifer
International, to improve health and economic disparities,
giving significant donations to Heifer International to assist

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30 in eradicating global poverty and to the American Cancer Society
31 to positively impact cancer prevention, and

32 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., through its
33 International President, Carolyn House Stewart, has taken a
34 strong stand against domestic violence and human trafficking and
35 is dedicated to the provision of services to children whose
36 parents are incarcerated, and

37 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has encouraged
38 its undergraduates to promote a ban on driving while using
39 electronic devices through its "Distracted Driver Awareness
40 Program," one of the signature programs under the sorority's
41 health initiative, which is embraced under the new
42 administration's theme of "Global Leadership through Timeless
43 Service," and

44 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., demonstrates
45 through timeless service that education eradicates the bars of
46 poverty and poor health through its various afterschool
47 workshops, seminars, health forums, and tutorials for
48 underprivileged children and is an advocate for adequate funding
49 for early childhood, secondary, and postsecondary education, and

50 WHEREAS, Marsha Lewis Brown is the Significant South
51 Atlantic Regional Director of this great sisterhood and leads
52 members of the sorority in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina,
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54 WHEREAS, members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,
55 in Florida contribute thousands of volunteer hours implementing
56 service programs in their respective communities, NOW,
57 THEREFORE,

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

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61 That the members of the Florida Senate recognize the
62 commitment of members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to
63 worldwide service and express special appreciation for their
64 service in Florida.