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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-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 partnered with several advocacy groups, including Heifer International, to improve health and economic disparities, giving significant donations to Heifer International to assist in eradicating

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29 | global poverty and to the American Cancer Society to positively
30 | impact cancer prevention, and

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

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

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

49 | WHEREAS, Marsha Lewis Brown is the Significant South
50 | Atlantic Regional Director of this great sisterhood and leads
51 | members of the sorority in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina,
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53 | WHEREAS, Representative Mia Jones and Representative
54 | Geraldine Thompson are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
55 | Inc., and

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56 WHEREAS, members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,
57 in Florida contribute thousands of volunteer hours implementing
58 service programs in their respective communities, NOW,
59 THEREFORE,

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61 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
62 Florida:

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64 That the members of the Florida House of Representatives
65 recognize the commitment of members of Alpha Kappa Alpha
66 Sorority, Inc., to worldwide service and express special
67 appreciation for their service in Florida.