

By Senator Thompson

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
3 Inc., for its worldwide service.

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5 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was founded in
6 1908 at Howard University in Washington, D.C., the first
7 sorority established by African-American college women, and

8 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is an
9 international organization with many chapters located in
10 communities and on college and university campuses in this
11 State, and

12 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is committed to
13 community service and has made numerous contributions to the
14 educational, civic, and social lives of the people of this
15 State, and

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

19 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has implemented
20 an action plan that includes the creation of grassroots
21 campaigns to work with local communities to educate and raise
22 awareness regarding human trafficking, and the members of Alpha
23 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., advocate the adoption of laws at the
24 local, state, and federal levels which seek to prevent human
25 trafficking by strengthening the penalties for this heinous
26 offense, and

27 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has partnered
28 with several advocacy groups, including the Eunice Kennedy
29 Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human

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30 Development, regarding an Asthma Prevention and Management
31 Initiative to encourage early diagnosis and treatment of this
32 condition, and

33 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is committed to
34 addressing health and economic disparities and has given
35 significant donations to Heifer International to assist in
36 eradicating global poverty and has supported the American Cancer
37 Society to positively impact cancer prevention, and

38 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., through
39 International President Carolyn House Stewart, strongly supports
40 voter empowerment through voter registration and education and
41 the mobilization of voting communities, and

42 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has encouraged
43 its undergraduates to promote a ban on driving while using
44 electronic devices through its "Distracted Driver Awareness
45 Program," a signature program under the Sorority's health
46 initiative, embraced under the new administration's theme of
47 "Global Leadership through Timeless Service," and

48 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., promotes
49 education to eradicate poverty and poor health and offers
50 various afterschool workshops, seminars, health forums, and
51 tutorials for underprivileged children and is an advocate for
52 adequate funding for early childhood, secondary, and
53 postsecondary education, and

54 WHEREAS, South Atlantic Regional Director Marsha Lewis
55 Brown leads the membership of this great sisterhood in Florida,
56 Georgia, and South Carolina, and

57 WHEREAS, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in
58 this State contribute thousands of volunteer hours implementing

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59 service programs in their respective communities, NOW,
60 THEREFORE,

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

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64 That we recognize Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for its
65 worldwide service.