

By Senator Thompson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the commitment of the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to worldwide service and expressing appreciation for their service in this state.

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

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the first Greek letter organization established for and by African American college women, and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is an international organization with many chapters located in communities and on the campuses of colleges and universities throughout the state, 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., under the leadership of International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, will be "Launching New Dimensions of Service" through its commitment to expanding its community presence and addressing community needs under the banner of five initiatives: educational enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership, and global impact, and

WHEREAS, each year, the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., implement International Community Service Days, which highlight the organization's collective impact in targeted program areas, and

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30 WHEREAS, these program areas include the Dr. Martin Luther  
31 King, Jr., Day of Service, in January; Pink Goes Red for Heart  
32 Health Day, in February; 1908 Playgrounds Mobilization Day, in  
33 May; The Longest Day Alzheimer's Support Activities, in June;  
34 Mental Health Awareness Day, in July; and Childhood Hunger  
35 Awareness Day, in October, and

36 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has  
37 strategically aligned with corporate partners to assist in  
38 achieving the organization's international program goals,  
39 including the United Nations Association of the United States of  
40 America (UNA-USA) Global Classrooms Project, Alzheimer's  
41 Association, American Heart Association, American Stroke  
42 Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), and  
43 Africare, and

44 WHEREAS, South Atlantic Regional Director Sharon Brown  
45 Harriott leads the membership of this great sisterhood in  
46 Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, and

47 WHEREAS, two members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,  
48 serve in the Florida Legislature, House Democratic Leader pro  
49 tempore Mia L. Jones and Senator Geraldine Thompson, and

50 WHEREAS, the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,  
51 contribute thousands of volunteer hours implementing service  
52 projects and programs in their respective communities throughout  
53 this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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57 That we recognize the commitment of the members of Alpha  
58 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to worldwide service and express

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59 appreciation for their service in this state.