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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, founded  
3 on the campus of Howard University in 1908 and incorporated in  
4 1913, has established a mandate for carrying out the vision of  
5 a new day of excellence and performance; and

6           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the nation's oldest  
7 African-American sorority; the Sorority has never changed its  
8 mission to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical  
9 standards, promote unity and friendship among college women,  
10 help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to  
11 improve their social status, maintain a progressive interest in  
12 college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

13           WHEREAS, The 2014-2018 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
14 administration, under the dynamic and creative leadership of  
15 International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, continues to  
16 fulfill the service imperative of the organization's founders  
17 with the international program "Launching New Dimensions of  
18 Service", which focuses on educational enrichment, health  
19 promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership, and  
20 global impact; and

21           WHEREAS, Many prominent women have been or are members of  
22 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., including the late First Lady

1 Eleanor Roosevelt, the late civil rights leaders Coretta Scott  
2 King and Rosa Parks, actress Phylicia Rashad, the late poet  
3 Maya Angelou, writer Toni Morrison, singer Alicia Keys,  
4 attorney Star Jones, financial expert Mellody Hobson,  
5 comedian/actress Wanda Sykes, actress Jada Pinkett-Smith, Cook  
6 County Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough, Cook County Board  
7 President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Past-President of Liberia,  
8 Ellen Johnson Sirleaf; and

9 WHEREAS, Many members of the General Assembly and  
10 legislative staff are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
11 Inc., including Senator Mattie Hunter, Senator Toi Hutchinson  
12 and India Hammons; and

13 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's storied history of proven  
14 leadership and extensive involvement in the world community  
15 through strategic partnerships evidence the sorority's  
16 potential to significantly contribute to the world community;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated made  
19 history and expanded its international presence when it  
20 chartered its first chapter, Omega Theta Omega, in the Middle  
21 East; the chapter's 37 women, located in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and  
22 throughout the United Arab Emirates, are business executives,  
23 attorneys, educators, and physicians, among other accomplished

1 professionals; and

2 WHEREAS, Leadership development is essential to the  
3 vitality of the organization, and the sorority's continuing  
4 requirements of academic excellence, shared values, and  
5 dedication to the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha ensure a  
6 continuous wellspring of quality leaders; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 declare the date of May 9, 2018 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in the  
10 State of Illinois in honor of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
11 Incorporated, and its work; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
13 provided to Kathy Walker Steele, Central Regional Director;  
14 Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, International President; Sylvia  
15 Blackmon-Roberts, International Connection Committee Chairman;  
16 and Bakahia Reed Madison, Central Regional Representative to  
17 the International Connection Committee.