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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On January 15, 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
3 Incorporated was founded with the mission to promote unity and  
4 friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate  
5 problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their  
6 social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college  
7 life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1915, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosted  
9 its first political action conference with human rights  
10 activist and Illinois Congressman Martin B. Madden as the  
11 speaker; and

12 WHEREAS, Since establishing its headquarters in Chicago in  
13 1949, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s function has become  
14 more complex, expanding to mobilize members worldwide for  
15 advocacy and service projects to improve socioeconomic,  
16 racial, political, and environmental issues; and

17 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s diverse  
18 collaborative work throughout the United States, the  
19 Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and the United Arab Emirates  
20 integrates an elevated level of personal engagement with the  
21 strong bonds of sisterhood and a productive network of  
22 community partners; and

1           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s annual event  
2 is an opportunity for members to speak with local lawmakers,  
3 engage in workshops, and advocate for critical issues such as  
4 Black maternal health, education, and suicide prevention; and

5           WHEREAS, Illinois is home to 44 Alpha Kappa Alpha  
6 Sorority, Inc. chapters, of which 16 are active chapters  
7 located on college and university campuses and 28 are active  
8 alumnae chapters located in communities throughout the State;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s Illinois  
11 chapters, along with chapters located throughout Indiana,  
12 Kentucky, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin,  
13 and St. Louis and Cape Girardeau, Missouri are designated as  
14 the sorority's Central Region, and this region is home to 96  
15 empowered and engaged chapters focused on advocacy and  
16 service; and

17           WHEREAS, Presently, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
18 Sorority, Inc. serves in each chamber of the Illinois General  
19 Assembly, Senator Mattie Hunter and Representative Kim du  
20 Buclet; and

21           WHEREAS, Notably, Juliana Stratton, the 48th Lieutenant

1 Governor, serves in the State's executive branch and is also a  
2 member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

3 WHEREAS, The Illinois delegation of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
4 Sorority, Inc. will be joined by the Illinois delegation of  
5 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. for a joint Alpha Day at the  
6 Illinois State Capitol in a collective effort to advance the  
7 priorities of the respective communities that they serve; and

8 WHEREAS, On May 1, 2024, the Illinois members of Alpha  
9 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will participate in AKA Day at the  
10 Illinois State Capitol; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare May 1, 2024  
14 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day in the State  
15 of Illinois.