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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority are sponsoring their tenth annual legislative visit to the State Capitol; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was founded in 1908 as the first sorority established by African-American college women; in 2008 the Sorority will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the national organization; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha is an international organization with over 200,000 undergraduate and alumnae members; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha itself is an organization with a commitment to promoting education, healthy minds and bodies, family unity, economic development, political empowerment, cultural heritage, and the arts; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha members who have distinguished themselves individually include Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King, Hazel O'Leary, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Ella Fitzgerald, Phylicia Rashad, Zina Garrison, Jane Addams, Marlan Anderson, Margaret Burroughs, Cardiss Collins, Bettianne Gardner, Marla Gibbs, Gladys Knight, Constance Baker Motley,

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1 Jessye Norman, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, Alicia Keys, and
2 Illinoisan Linda White, international president of Alpha Kappa
3 Alpha, Inc.; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 the members of this Body, in recognition of the achievements of
7 the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the values
8 for which they strive, do proclaim Wednesday, March 12, 2008,
9 as the Tenth Annual Alpha Kappa Alpha Day throughout the State
10 of Illinois; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Linda White, international president of Alpha
13 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.