A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY AND CONGRATULATING IT ON THE OCCASION OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

WHEREAS, in a period of 50 years, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., (AKA) founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908, grew from one undergraduate group of nine members to a national organization with an active membership of more than 10,000; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority presently boasts a membership of more than 100,000 college-educated women and is now recognized as an international organization involved in world and community affairs; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority provides grants, scholarships and fellowships in its efforts to support students nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Norma Solomon White, the international president, has six target areas, to wit: Education (The Ivy Akademy and the On-Track Mentoring Program); Health (the Child Health Insurance Program, and the Buckle Up Program); The Black Family (AKA Coat Day); Economics (the Black Dollar Day Campaigns); The Arts (preserving African-American Music); and Leadership Development (leadership workshops and the Leadership Fellows Program); and

WHEREAS, for many years Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has been involved in public policy issues that impact the lives of great numbers of African Americans; and

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By: Representatives Coleman (65th), Clarke, Thomas

To: Rules
WHEREAS, a public policy standing committee known as the Connection Committee was created and is composed of a chairman and a representative from each of the ten regions appointed by the international president; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Connection Committee includes (1) identifying and studying local, state and national issues which impact upon the quality of life for all mankind, and (2) designing strategies for communications with the membership regarding advocacy issues; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha members throughout the State of Mississippi will convene at the State Capitol March 7, 2001, to advocate issues that impact the lives of people in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, emphasis for the 2001 AKA Day at the State Capitol will be (1) a dialogue regarding reapportionment, redistricting and the probable impact on the African-American community, and (2) a discussion/information period to determine the types of voting machines in our state, the problems, if any, with accuracy, the number of discarded votes and proposed reforms to improve the voting system before the next general election; and

WHEREAS, as a result, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, proclaimed March 7, 2001, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the civic contributions, grants, scholarships and fellowships made available by respected organizations such as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the steering committee representatives of AKA Sorority and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.