

By: Representatives Coleman (65th), Clarke,
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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 86

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

4 WHEREAS, in a period of 50 years, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
5 Inc., (AKA) founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in
6 1908, grew from one undergraduate group of nine members to a
7 national organization with an active membership of more than
8 10,000; and

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

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

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

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



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

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

36 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha members throughout the State of
37 Mississippi will convene at the State Capitol March 12, 2002, to
38 advocate issues that impact the lives of people in their
39 respective communities; and

40 WHEREAS, emphasis for the 2002 AKA Day at the State Capitol
41 will be (1) a dialogue regarding reapportionment, redistricting
42 and the probable impact on the African-American community, and (2)
43 a discussion/information period to determine the types of voting
44 machines in our state, the problems, if any, with accuracy, the
45 number of discarded votes and proposed reforms to improve the
46 voting system before the next general election; and

47 WHEREAS, as a result, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State
48 of Mississippi, proclaimed March 12, 2002, as Alpha Kappa Alpha
49 Day at the State Capitol; and

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

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
56 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the public policy service of
57 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and congratulate this
58 organization on the occasion of Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State
59 Capitol, March 12, 2002.



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

