

By: Representative Coleman (65th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
2 SORORITY, INC., FOR THE 71st SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND
3 FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF "SERVICE TO MANKIND."

4 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is about to
5 celebrate 100 years of "service to mankind"; and

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Linda M. White, the 26th International President of
19 Alpha Kappa Alpha, implemented her 2002-2006 program with the
20 theme "The Spirit of Alpha Kappa Alpha," which is the acronym for
21 sisterhood, scholarship, service, partnership, innovation,
22 respect, involvement and technology, and features a national
23 emphasis on three traditional targets: Education, [The Ivy
24 Reading AKAdemy Pilot Program - "Reading One on One"; Presidential
25 Freedom Scholarships and the Young Authors Program]; The Black
26 Family [The Martin L. King Day of Service: "A Day On Instead of a
27 Day Off"; and "The National Family Volunteer Day"] and Health [The



28 Family History Collection, SIDS Conference and the Senior Health
29 and Safety Issues]; and

30 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha members throughout the
31 Southeastern Region will convene at the State Capitol on March 27,
32 2003, to advocate issues that impact the lives of people in their
33 respective communities, specifically issues such as the
34 kindergarten through third grade reading program - "No Child Left
35 Behind"; the Headstart Program; health concerns such as cancer,
36 and cardiovascular illness, the high cost of prescription drugs
37 for seniors; and other related matters affecting seniors; and

38 WHEREAS, as a result of Alpha Kappa Alpha's efforts toward
39 community service, Governor Ronnie Musgrove proclaimed March 7,
40 2001, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State Capitol; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
42 and commend an organization such as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
43 Inc., for its civic contributions, scholarship, service and the
44 partnerships forged to implement program activities:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
47 THEREIN, That we commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha
48 Sorority, Inc., for the 71st Southeastern Regional Conference and
49 for their many years of "service to mankind" and congratulate this
50 organization on the occasion of Alpha Kappa Alpha Day, to be held
51 at the State Capitol on March 27, 2003.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
53 presented to the steering committee representatives of Alpha Kappa
54 Alpha Sorority and to the Capitol Press Corps.

