

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 556

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 71ST SOUTHEASTERN
2 REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the civic
40 contributions, scholarship, and service and the partnerships
41 forged to implement program activities:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
44 we do hereby commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
45 Inc., for the 71st Southeastern Regional Conference and
46 congratulate this organization on the occasion of Alpha Kappa
47 Alpha Day at the State Capitol on March 27, 2003.

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

