

By: Representatives Coleman (65th), Clarke,
Ellis, Fredericks, Green, Middleton, Thomas

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

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

6 WHEREAS, in a period of 50 years, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
7 Inc., (AKA) founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in
8 1908, grew from one undergraduate group of nine members to a
9 national organization with an active membership of more than
10 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, for many years Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has
31 been involved in public policy issues that impact the lives of
32 great numbers of African Americans; and

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

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

42 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha members throughout the State of
43 Mississippi will convene at the State Capitol, February 24, 2004,
44 to advocate issues that impact the lives of people in their
45 respective communities; and

46 WHEREAS, emphasis for the 2004 AKA Day at the State Capitol
47 will be a dialogue to promote the Martin Luther King Day of
48 Service throughout chapters of the sorority in concert with
49 community organizations, to encourage sorority members to become
50 more knowledgeable about public policy and the urgent need to
51 participate in the electoral process, to create a nexus between
52 the sorority and the community which focuses on voter registration
53 and education; and

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

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
59 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
60 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the public policy service of

61 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and congratulate this
62 organization on the occasion of Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State
63 Capitol, February 24, 2004.

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