

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