

By: Representative Coleman (65th)

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY  
2 ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATING ITS 98TH NATIONAL FOUNDERS DAY IN  
3 THE STATE'S CAPITAL CITY.

4 WHEREAS, Mississippi's capital city will be a sea of pink and  
5 green as members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., celebrate  
6 the 98th National Founders Day on January 13, 14 and 15, 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, since its inception, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
8 Inc., (AKA) founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in  
9 1908, grew from one undergraduate group of nine members to a  
10 national organization with more than 170,000 members in the United  
11 States, the Caribbean, Europe and Africa; and

12 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha cultivates and encourages high  
13 scholastic and ethical standards, promotes unity and friendship  
14 among women, alleviates problems concerning girls and women and  
15 maintains a progressive interest in college life; and

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

28           WHEREAS, for many years Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has  
29    been involved in public policy issues that impact the lives of  
30    great numbers of African Americans, such as when the sorority  
31    embarked on its first major health initiative, the Mississippi  
32    Health Project, that occurred from 1935 to 1942 when sorority  
33    members who were physicians, nurses and other health care  
34    providers served two to eight week terms for seven years during  
35    the summer months by providing health services to the citizens of  
36    Mound Bayou, Mississippi; and

37           WHEREAS, in keeping with the traditions of this great  
38    sorority, a major highlight of the sorority's three-day  
39    celebration will be a journey back to Mound Bayou to relive this  
40    historic undertaking by providing medical services to its  
41    residents;

42           WHEREAS, other planned activities include the Community  
43    Health Expo, the National Institutes of Health Professional  
44    Development Forum and African American Heritage Tours; and

45           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the civic  
46    contributions by respected organizations such as Alpha Kappa Alpha  
47    Sorority, Inc., that work so hard to serve the community:

48           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
49    REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
50    THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the public policy service of  
51    Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and congratulate this  
52    organization on the occasion of celebrating its 98th National  
53    Founders Day in the state's capital city.

54           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copies of this resolution be  
55    furnished to the steering committee representatives of Alpha Kappa  
56    Alpha Sorority and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.