

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

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY ON THE
2 OCCASION OF CELEBRATING ITS 98TH NATIONAL FOUNDERS DAY IN THE
3 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; and

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, That we do hereby
50 commend the public policy service of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
51 Inc., and congratulate this organization on the occasion of
52 celebrating its 98th National Founders Day in the state's capital
53 city.

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