

By: Representatives Cockerham, Clarke,
Coleman (65th), Thomas, Flaggs, Holloway,
Perkins

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND RECOGNIZING
2 MISSISSIPPI'S NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
3 SORORITY, INC., NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NATIONAL CONNECTION
4 COMMITTEES AND FOR THEIR NEW NATIONAL PROGRAM INITIATIVES.

5 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., founded at Howard
6 University in Washington, D.C., in 1908, grew from one
7 undergraduate group of nine members to a national organization
8 with more than 180,000 members in the United States, the
9 Caribbean, Europe and Africa; and

10 WHEREAS, for almost a century, "the percept of service has
11 been Alpha Kappa Alpha's mark of distinction"; and

12 WHEREAS, the Centennial International President, Barbara A.
13 McKinzie, implemented the 2006-2010 Centennial Program, an
14 Extraordinary Service Program of Economics, Service and
15 Partnership, the ESP vision that embraces a five-pronged program
16 designed to excite, mobilize and ignite members worldwide; and

17 WHEREAS, the new platform features are fivefold: (1) placing
18 emphasis on the nontraditional woman entrepreneur; (2) encouraging
19 partnerships to educate local communities about the economic keys
20 to success; (3) recognizing and utilizing strategies for assisting
21 young African-American males to overcome the formidable challenges
22 to their educational development and well-being through activities
23 that enable, support and provide access for the economic growth of
24 the Black Family; (4) initiating an undergraduate signature
25 program--Economic Education Advancement through Technology; and
26 (5) using health resource management and economics to address the
27 many health issues and crises that face the Black community in the
28 United States and globally; and

29 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha is divided into ten regions with
30 Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama falling into the Southeastern
31 Region, where members of this region are encouraged to promote the
32 sorority's legacy of sisterhood and service; and

33 WHEREAS, the Southeastern Region consists of 103 chapters and
34 is the fourth largest region in Alpha Kappa Alpha consisting of 13
35 percent of its total membership with 31 chapters in Mississippi;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, new leadership for the Southeastern Region is the
38 Centennial Regional Director, Juanita Sims Doty, Ed.D., resident
39 of Jackson, Mississippi, a Fellow of the Department of Pediatrics
40 of the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Senior Advisor
41 for Outreach National Institutes of Health, who was elected on
42 March 24, 2006, at the Regional Conference in Memphis, Tennessee;
43 and

44 WHEREAS, Glenda Glover, J.D., C.P.A. and Ph.D., Dean of the
45 College of Business at Jackson State University, Jackson,
46 Mississippi, was elected as the National Treasurer at the National
47 Conference in July 2006 and installed as a board member along with
48 the Centennial Regional Director, Dr. Juanita Sims Doty, to
49 represent the Southeastern Region on the Board of Directors; and

50 WHEREAS, the Centennial International President, Barbara A.
51 McKinzie, utilizes the Connection Committee, the public policy arm
52 of the sorority, to advocate issues of importance to the
53 community; encourage members of the sorority to serve in elected
54 and appointed offices and mobilize members to participate in the
55 electoral process; and

56 WHEREAS, the National Chairman of the Connection Committee,
57 Vanessa Rogers Long, a resident of Clarksdale, Mississippi, and
58 the Southeastern Representative to the National Connection
59 Committee, Zelmarine Murphy, a resident of Vicksburg, Mississippi,
60 were appointed by the Centennial International President and
61 charged with promoting Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Capitol; and

62 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
63 and commend an organization such as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
64 Inc., for its civic contributions, public policy service,
65 scholarship, and partnerships forged to implement program
66 activities:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
68 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
69 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the members of Alpha Kappa
70 Alpha Sorority, Inc., for its civic contributions through the
71 implementation of the Extraordinary Service Program, Economics,
72 Service and Partnership and congratulate the newly elected
73 officers and committee appointees coming from Mississippi on this
74 the occasion of Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Capitol held March
75 13, 2007.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
77 presented to the Centennial Regional Director, Dr. Juanita Sims
78 Doty; Centennial President, Barbara A. McKinzie; all Alpha Kappa
79 Alpha Sorority, Inc., Chapters in Mississippi; and to the members
80 of the Capitol Press Corps.