

By: Senator(s) Witherspoon, Norwood,
Frazier, Butler, Barnett, Blount, Dearing,
Hopson, Horhn, Jackson (11th), Jackson
(32nd), Simmons (12th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 584

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
2 SORORITY, INCORPORATED, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS "2018 AKA DAY AT
3 THE MISSISSIPPI STATE CAPITOL," TO PROMOTE ADVOCACY, IMPACT POLICY
4 AND TAKE ACTION FOR VOTER MOBILIZATION, CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL
5 JUSTICE INITIATIVES.

6 WHEREAS, on February 13, 2018, nearly 200 members of Alpha
7 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, will convene in Jackson,
8 Mississippi, for the 23rd consecutive year to participate in the
9 "2018 Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Day at the Mississippi State
10 Capitol," to receive a legislative update, promote advocacy and
11 take action as part of their commitment to civil rights, social
12 justice, political awareness, voter mobilization and commitment to
13 statewide civic engagement; and

14 WHEREAS, there are seven Alpha Kappa Alpha women who serve as
15 members of the Mississippi Legislature which include:
16 Representatives Sonya Williams-Barnes, Alyce G. Clarke, Angela
17 Cockerham, Deborah Gibbs, Lataisha Jackson, and Sara R. Thomas,
18 and Senator Tammy Witherspoon, who along with other members of the
19 Legislature, will discuss with those attending the event, the



20 status of legislation relating to the public policy agenda and the
21 Program Initiatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the first Greek Letter
24 Sorority for college-educated African-American women, has grown
25 from nine visionary women in one undergraduate Chapter in 1908, on
26 the campus of Howard University, to a dynamic international
27 nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of more than 300,000 members
28 in over 1,000 Chapters throughout the United States and ten other
29 countries; and

30 WHEREAS, the South Eastern Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha
31 consists of almost 7,000 members in 108 Chapters with 33 of those
32 Chapters being located in Mississippi, where they work
33 independently and collaboratively to embrace and implement the
34 International Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Program Initiatives of
35 Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening,
36 Environmental Ownership, and Global Impact to improve the lives of
37 individuals and positively impact this great state, this nation
38 and the world; and

39 WHEREAS, these hard-working, college-educated women from all
40 walks of life have instituted groundbreaking social action
41 initiatives and social service programs that have transformed
42 communities for the better, continually emitting progress in
43 cities, states, the nation, and the world; and



44 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is a force
45 for good that transcends cultures and diplomatic borders dedicated
46 to transforming lives and positively impacting communities through
47 established international programs that are innovative, measurable
48 and socially relevant; and

49 WHEREAS, Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson serves as the 29th
50 International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
51 Incorporated, and Mary B. Conner serves as the 25th South Eastern
52 Regional Director; and

53 WHEREAS, "AKA Day at the Capitol" is a National Political
54 Awareness Initiative for the Sorority to promote its public policy
55 agenda with thousands of members of this extraordinary Sorority
56 traveling to visit with State Lawmakers around the country; and

57 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we acknowledge the
58 dedicated public service and noteworthy contributions of
59 organizations such as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,
60 where its corps of volunteers devote their talents, time and
61 energy annually in excess of two million hours of volunteer
62 community service advancing initiatives that foster a better
63 quality of life for all individuals, especially the individuals of
64 the Great State of Mississippi:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
66 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
67 we do hereby commemorate Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,
68 on the observance of the "2018 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at



69 the Mississippi State Capitol" for their outstanding service to
70 the community under the Program Initiative, "Launching New
71 Dimensions of Service, through the C4 Power of the Pearl to
72 Connect, Communicate, Celebrate and Collaborate" to fulfill the
73 sorority's mission of rendering "service to all mankind."

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
75 the committee representatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
76 Incorporated, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

